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Banerjee Challenges Court's Jurisdiction To Try Case

QUESTIONS GENUINENESS OF MARKS ON MADANLAL'S COAT

Says Prosecution Has Failed To Prove Conspiracy Charge

RED FORT, Dec. 24. (UPI): At the resumed sitting today of the Special Court of Mr. Atma Charan, trying Nathuram Godse and the other accused in the Mahatma Gandhi murder case, Mr.Banerjee, Counsel for Madanlal, challenged the jurisdiction of the Court to conduct the trial

Mr. Banerjee contended that under the provisions of the law relating to the functions of the Special Jugde, the Judge might take cognisance of the offence without committing the accused to the Court. The procedure to be adopted thereafter was to have treated the entire case as a warrant case. The law under which the trial was being conducted was incomplete as it did not lay down the procedure to be adopted.

Mr. Banerjee also cited several rulings of the Privy Council and of the Punjab High Court in support of this point.

BROWN'S JURISDICTION CHALLENGED

Arguing the case of Madanlal Mr. Banerjee pointed out that under Section 70 of the Bombay City Police Act, Mr. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate of Bombay, had no jurisdiction ao remand the accused to police custody without assigning any reasons. Further he could not have conducted the indentification parade when the accused were under police custody.

Mr. Banerjee also argued that it was illegal for the police to have interrogated the accused while they were under custody. The fundamental point, he pointed out, was that the police could not ask questions to the accused in order to build up a case against them.

Each one of the accused with the exception of probably Savarkar, had been taken by the police to different places. This act was also illegal, Mr. Banerjee said.

Mr. Banerjee said that even in the worst days of British Imperialism such procedure was never adopted.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE CAN'T BE PROVED

Coming to the prosecution case, Mr. Banerjee said that the charge according to the prosecution was that each one of the accused was to have thrown a hand-grenade at Mahatma Gandhi on Jan. 20, immediately after Madanlal had exploded the gun-cotton slab But the prosecution had not given any explanation why this plan was not carried out. Therefore, Mr. Bannerjee contended that the charge of conspiracy could not be proved.

POLICE FOUND NO IDENTIFICATION MARKS ON MADANLAL'S COAT

Dealing with the coat which was recovered from the person of Madanlal on Jan. 20, Mr. Banerjee said that when the coat was recovered no identification marks were found on it by the police Such marks were made only on April 20, 1948, after Apte's trousers were recovered. He said that the recovery of Apte's trousers was very suspicious and the putting of marks on the coat after such a long time was equally suspicious. Therefore, Mr. Banerjee submitted, the Court should not come to the conclusion that Madanlal had any connection with Apte or that Apte gave him the coat.

Mr. Banerjee then took up the case cited by the prosecution in support of their non-production of witnesses to coroborate certain evidences and commented that the Privy Council never laid it down that the Court could not look into the effect of non-production of witnesses. The prosecution had complete discretion whether certain witness should be produced or not. But it was open to the Court to judge whether that discretion had been properly exercised.

ESSENTIAL WITNESSES DROPPED

Mr. Banerjee cited a later case of the Privy Council in which its earlier case had been explained. Mr. Banerjee then submitted that the non-production of witnesses like Angre, G. M. Joshi, Mrs. Champa Modak and Jagdish Chandra Chopra, who were very essential witnesses in this case gave rise to reasonable suspicion to the prosecution case.

ERRONEOUS ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE

Mr. Banerjee further argued that the trial would be vitiated on an erroneous admission of evidence. He also questioned the admissibility of the evidence relating to the pointing out of places by the accused to the police. In this connection, Mr. Banerjee referred to Apte's pointing out to the police the tree behind Hindu Mahasabha Bhawan, where they were alleged to have practised the pistol, and said that this evidence should not be accepted by the Court as the admission of Apte was taken by the police when he was under their custody. Mr. Banerjee also cited certain High Court rulings in support of his contention.

Continuing, Mr. Banerjee said that pointing out places by the accused and witnesses to the police was not admissible in evidence because it was a statement by implication to the police and such statements were prohibited by law.

There was also absolutely no corroboration of the aprover's evidence relating to the fact that Madanlal knew Apte, Mr. Banerjee said.

Further, Mr. Banerjee argued that the prosecution should have established as to when the conspiracy actually began and when each of the conspirators joined it. The prosecution had not done it, and therefore the whole charge of conspiracy lost value.

WHEN DID MADANLAL JOIN CONSPIRACY?

Referring to Madanlal's part, Mr. Banerjee stated that the prosecution had not proved when Madanlal had joined the conspiracy. This fact, namely, the point of place and time at which Madanlal had joined the conspiracy, the Court was entitled to know from the prosecution, if at all Madanlal could be implicated in it. If the prosecution had failed to establish this point, then, Mr. Banerjee contended, it was not incumbent on the defence to disprove it, as the conspiracy automatically failed to be established

JAIN STORY UNNATURAL

Mr. Banerjee also challenged the prosecution theory that Madanlal had disclosed the plan o Prof. Jain on Jan. 10. He argued that if at all Madanlal was in the conspiracy it was unnatural on his part to have disclosed it to a person like Prof. Jain

Coming to the incident of Jan. 20, Mr. Banerjee pointed out that, according to the prosecution Nathuram Godse was also present at the prayer ground when the gun-cotton slab was exploded. This could not be consistently explained with the behaviour of Godse on Jan. 30, he contended.

Mr. Banerjee argued that on Jan 30, the police "new that there was a conspiracy. They might have increased their guard at the prayer ground. Under these circumstances Nathuram Godse could not have gone there on Jan. 30 10 or 20 minutes before the prayer time with a pistol in his possession, particularly when he would have realised that there might be people present there who had seen him on Jan. 20 and fearing that they might detect him.

Therefore, Mr. Banerjee argued the conduct of Nathuram on Jan. 30 belied his presence in the prayer ground on Jan. 20. On the other hand, it proved that the shooting of Gandhiji on Jan. 30 was an isolated act of an individual.

COURT SUGGESTS POSSIBLE EXPLANATION

The Judge, however, pointed out at this stage that it might be possible to explain things in a different manner. There might be a conspiracy to kill Mahatma Gandhi. It was not necessary for the conspirators to have concluded as to who might do the offence, or in what particular manner. They went there on Jan. 20. The plan of committing the offence on Jan 20 somehow failed. Preparations were again made. Thereafter, nothing would prevent Nathuram to take a bold attempt on Jan. 30 and commit the offence himself without relying on others. In that case was it necessary to hold that there were two different conspiracies altogether?

Mr. Banerjee said that he would refer to this point at a later stage.

NATHURAM'S TRANSFORMATION

Mr. Banerjee further said that the prosecution had referred to Nathuram as a "wavering coward" in relation to the incident on Jan. 20, and as trying to save his skin, while in connection with the incident on Jan. 30, the prosecution had painted him in his "true colours". This, Mr. Banerjee, argued could not be reconciled How could one understand the tremendous transformation of a person's features and outlook in a short space of ten days? Mr. Banerjee asked.

Mr. Banerjee said that according to the prosecution Nathuram had transferred his insurance policies in favour of his nominees before the murder. He had gone to the prayer ground on Jan. 20 accompanied by other accomplices and with five hand-grenades, two gun-cotton slabs and two revolvers. He could have shot at Gandhiji if he wanted to murder him on Jan. 20 itself. But he did not do so. This account of Godse's behaviour was given by the prosecution because the prosecution wanted to give a dramatic picture of the conspiracy benind the murder, Mr. Banerjee said.

REJECT EVIDENCE OF SUNDARILAL AND TWO OTHERS

Referring to the evidence of Sundarilal, Hari Kishen and Jannu, Mr Banerjee said that it was much too slender and did not establish beyond doubt the presence of Apte and Godse in the Delhi Junction retiring room on Jan. 22. He, therefore, requested the Court to reject their evidence.

Mr. Banerjee had not concluded his arguments when the Court adjourned till Monday.

TEACH SCIENCE IN ENGLISH

Kodanda Rao's Plea Before University Commission

MADRAS, Dec. 24 (API)—"Efficiency, and not historicity is the legitimate criterion in linguistic reforms", said Mr. P. Kodanda Rao of the Servants of India Society, in his evidence before the University Commission on the question of the medium of instruction

Judging from that point of view, he said, no other language in the world had greater efficiency than the English language

Mr. Rao considered that the feeling against the English language on the ground that it was foreign and was the language of the erstwhile British imperial rulers, had no rational basis. A language, like a religion, did not belong to any individual or group of individuals. There could be no private ownership in any element of non-material culture like arts, sciences, religions or languages, he said.

Mr. Rao was of the view that education should be given through the medium of local regional languages up to the end of lower secondary stage.

For the few who would go to high schools and universities, education should be imparted in two languages, the local regional language and English. The arts subjects should be taught in regional languages and the science subjects in English. The regional languages should be given the primary status and English should be secondary.

English, as the second and secondary common language he held, would serve the needs of Indian nationalism as well as modern internationalism. Other languages like Hindi, Urdu, French and Russian might be voluntary subjects for those who desired to learn those languages

Research Institute Of Music For Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 23, (API): "Madras Government is making arrangements to establish a research institute of Music on the lines proposed by the Government of India to foster and develop South Indian Music," said the Premier Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar opening the Tamil Isai Music conference in the city today.

Nehru To Visit Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 24

It is learnt Pandit Nehru, will visit Ahmedabad in the middle of June next in connection with the centenary of Gujarat Vidya Sabha.

It is further learnt that Gujrat Vidya Sabha completes its hundred years in 1949 and Pandit Nehru has been requested to preside over that function.

Our Case Is Misunderstood

Dutch Premier Justifies 'Police Action'

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23 (Reuter):—Dr. Rees Netherlands Prime Minister, to-day explained the Dutch case on the Indonesian question in the course of an interview. He claimed that no form of international mediation could have ended the "uncontrolled state of things" in Indonesia.

"W are a patient people," he declared, "and surely it must be considered most improbable that a small, peaceful and liberty-loving people should launch a colonial war to force its former authority on a people who are fighting for their own freedom."

He said that "from a human angle" he was pained and anxious that the Dutch case was "misunderstood" by many countries. The Netherlands had suffered so severely under German occupation that it was inconceivable the Dutch should have started their "police action", unless they felt "sincerely and honestly" they could wait no longer, the Prime Minister declared.

Dutch Plane Detained

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): An east-bound Dutch K. L. M. plane scheduled to take off from the Dum Dum airport this morning, has been detained following the Government of India's announcement that, in view of the military action taken by the Dutch Government against Indonesia, the ights of operation of the K.L.M Air Line in or in transit across India were being suspended.

Passengers by the plane are being given facilities to complete their journey by other air lines.

DUTCH USING U. S. ARMS IN INDONESIA?

Indian High Commissioner Calls On Attlee

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON December 24.

High Commissioner Mr. Menon called on the Prime Minister and conveyed to him the views of India Government on Indonesia. While British Government regrets Dutch action, there is little indication of its desire to move in the matter. Reports that the Dutch are exporting arms to Indonesia are not accepted in official quarters which feel, under the present rigid Allied control, it is not possible for Dutch to divert arms eastward but private sources insist that arms received by Dutch Government from America are already being used in Indonesia.

NORMAN THOMAS TO PICKET NETHERLANDS CONSULATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (UPA): The Socialist Party anncunced to-day that Norman Thomas, the party's perennial presidential candidate, will personally lead a one-hour picketing at the Netherlands Consulate here in protest against the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia.

The party said the pickets, numbering 20 to 30, will march around the consulate located in New York's Rockefeller Center from 4-30 to 5-30 this afternoon. It said they will be carrying placards denouncing the Dutch action as an aggression.

INDONESIAN SPOKESMAN CONFERS WITH SOUTH-EAST COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UPA): Indonesian Republican spokesman Soemitro Djojohadikoesoemo announced to-day that he conferred with the representatives here of Australia, India, Pakistan, and Burma and found the "south-east block countries stand solidly behind the condemnation of the Dutch action in my country."

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (API).—The Madras High Court has issued directive to district judges and district magistrates that "accused in criminal proceedings should be allowed to sit except when addressing or being addressed by the Court or when required to stand up by the Court for purpose of identification and the like. Witness appearing in criminal and civil proceedings should be required to depose standing, but may be permitted to sit at the discretion of the court."

India Promises Stronger Action Against Dutch

If Security Council Fails To Stop Aggressor

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25, (API): The Government of India have assured the Indonesian Republican Government representative in Delhi, Dr. Soedarsono, that if the Security Council's efforts to stop Dutch aggression against the Republicans in Indonesia did not succeed, they would not hesitate to take stronger measures than those already taken.

Dr. Soedarsono, who returned from Singapore yesterday and met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, disclosing this at a press conference here this morning stated that he expected that Burma and Pakistan would also adopt stronger measures.

Both Burma and India, it will be recalled, have taken steps to deny their airports to the Dutch airlines.

Dr. Soedarsono, had gone to Singapore with the intention of joining Dr. Soekarno on his way to India. Meanwhile Dr. Soekarno was arrested by the Dutch. Dr. Soedarsono took the opportunity of visiting Rangoon and discussing the situation with the Burmese Government leaders also.

"INSULTING TREATMENT".

The Indonesian Republican Headquarters at Singapore has been keeping itself in touch with latest developments in Java and Sumatra. Dr. Soedarsono at his press conference to-day stated that President Soekarna and other Republican leaders who were under Dutch custody were being given insulting treatment". He would not elaborate this point or disclose his source for this information.

There was no intention Dr. Soedarsono said, to form a Government in exile either in India or anywhere else, as had been suggested in certain press reports. The Republic was very much alive both in Java and Sumatra, and President Soekarno though under arrest was still the symbol of Free Indonesia. The people were determined to carry on this struggle for any length of time by means of Guerilla warfare. He was sure that they would be all the more determined to do so after hearing of the treatment President Soekarno and the other leaders had received from the Dutch.

ESTIMATE OF DUTCH TROOPS.

Dr. Soedarsono expressed gratification at the "strong manner in which Australia had expressed herself" in the Security Council and added: "Public opinion all over the world is now very strong against the Dutch and we can expect in the very near future the closing of all Dutch communications and transport from the Middle East down to Australia."

Dr. Soedarsono estimated the Dutch strength in Java at present at over one-hundred and forty thousand troops as against the pre-war garrison strength of forty-thousand. The Indonesian strength in Java would be about two hundred thousand but unlike the Dutch they had not much in the way of arms and equipment.

The thought that the Dutch aggression would tend to close the ranks of the Indonesian nationalism and present a united front to the return of colonialism. Quoting press report he pointed out that after the Dutch started their aggression, the Governments set up by the Dutch in East and West Java and in Sumatra had resigned.

Indonesia League's Appeal To Asian Countries

BOMBAY, Dec 23 (UPI): The Working Committee of the newly formed Indonesia League of India has adopted a resolution appealing to the peoples and Governments of Asia, specially India, and other democratic countries world over, to help Indonesians in their struggle against the treacherous Dutch attack. In all possible ways It further appealed to the Government of India to take initiative in convening a conference of the representatives of the Governments of Asian countries to chalk out a programme for concerted action and effective help to Indonesians.

The Working Committee elected Mr. S. A. Brelvi as President of the Indonesia League of India. Mrs. Krishna Hutheesingh as vice-president and Mr. O K. Durrani as Honorary Secretary.

EXPERTS FOR SPEEDING UP PRODUCTION OF COMPOSTS

Central Manure Development Committee Decisions

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UPI)—The appointment of a committee of experts with a view to increasing substantially the production of composts and town refuse in India, fixation of provincial targets of production compulsion of municipalities by legislation to ensure proper use of manures and sample surveys of villages to estimate the present level of production were some of the decisions arrived at the second meeting of the Central Manure (Compost) Development Committee held at Jaipur on December 16 and 17

Besides representatives of the Central Ministry of Agriculture, representatives of the Provincial and State Governments, Shrimati Mira Behn and Pandit S. K. Sharma, non-official members were present. Mr. K. L. Punjabi, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, presided.

At the outset, Mr. Punjabi emphasised the urgent need for increasing food production and observed that one sure method for obtaining this result was by increasing compost production. This matter would claim the highest priority and maximum support from the Central Government, he declared.

Dr. C. N. Acharya, Secretary of the Central Compost Development Committee, in presenting the report for the half-year ending September 30, 1948, urged that under the town refuse composting scheme the annual production of composts should be raised from its present level of 6,00,000 tons to that of 15,00,000 tons before March 31, 1950 and definite targets of production should be fixed for each area. Under the village compost scheme, he pointed out, it was necessary to obtain estimates of the present level of manure production per head of cattle in villages of each area by sample surveys carried out on a statistical basis.

PLEA FOR CO-ORDINATION

Shrimati Mira Behn pointed out that there should be proper co-ordination between the scientific aspects of compost production and the field work of demonstrating to villagers the results of such scientific work; for this purpose, she urged that provinces should pay more attention to the scientific aspects such as the technique to be adopted and the best methods of using compost. Economic considerations and labour involved should also be kept in view. Possibly, the best way of verifying the soundness of the technical advice given would be to test how far it was adopted by kisans on a routine basis over a big area, she observed.

Shrimati Mira Behn also urged that alongside the problem of utilising cattle-shed and farm refuse in the best manner possible, equal attention should be paid to the problem of utilising village night-soil and urine. In fact, she said, the same staff could supervise the operation of both the schemes and added that if the programme of compost production was to achieve tangible results in a short time, it was necessary that sufficient staff and funds should be provided for the purpose by both the Provincial and Central Governments.

The Committee appointed a research sub-committee consisting of Dr. B. N. Lal (U.P.), Dr. K. G. Joshi (C.P.), Shri R. B. Gode (Bombay), Shri Madhok Patnaik (Orissa) and Dr. C. N. Acharya, Secretary, Central Manure (Compost) Development Committee for the purpose of planning out, initiating and co-ordinating research work to be carried out by Provincial Governments and the Centre in relation to different aspect of compost production and utilisation.

SEAMEN'S UNION'S BAN ON MEMBERS

Instructed Not To Sign On Dutch Ships

BOMBAY, Friday:

Members of the 15,000-strong National Seamen's Union have been instructed not to sign on any Dutch ships berthing in Bombay harbour, an official of the Union said today.

He said this move was in consonance with the Government of India policy which expressed unqualified disapproval of the Dutch action in Indonesia.

The Dutch ship s.s. Leopoldskerk, originally scheduled to arrive in Bombay harbour this afternoon, is now expected to dock on Christmas Day

It was authoritatively stated that she is carrying no arms or ammunition but only general cargo intended for Bombay, her port of destination.

A police official said the authorities did not expect any public demonstrations against the Dutch vessel in the light of the explanation that she was carrying no war-supplies to Batavia.

There was no confirmation of reports that the LEOPOLDSKERK would stay off from the docks and remain in mid-stream as a precaution.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR SPREADING EDUCATION

BOMBAY, Friday.

The need of cultural activities for the spread of education among masses was emphasised by the Mayor of Bombay, Dr. M. U. Mascharnhas, presiding over the silver jubilee celebrations of the Vaishya Samaj at Gilder Tank Maidan tonight.

The Mayor said that cultural associations and societies in the city should be multiplied and they should all work irrespective of caste, creed or communal feeling and all should freely participate in these activities. Besides providing good entertainment, these associations could also help the adult literacy drive launched by Government.

The Mayor was happy to preside over such function, where thousands had gathered to witness dramas, plays and listen to music. All this was arranged, no doubt, the Mayor said, to celebrate the silver jubilee of the association, but it also provided good entertainment combined with educative and cultural value. He added that more and more such functions should be arranged in all parts of the city.

An exhibition organised by the Silver Jubilee Committee was declared open by Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committe.

19 JAP WAR LEADERS RELEASED

TOKYO, Dec. 24. (Reuter): Nineteen Japanese war leaders are among war crimes suspects who are being released from custody, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

All Class "A" war crimes suspects now held at Sugamo prison or under house arrest and not at present on trial are being set free.

The releases were headed by Sgunei Okawa, author and propagandist, who was dropped from the list of defendants in the war crimes trial, just ended, on findings of insanity after ne hit Tojo on the head in court.

Ex-Admiral Sankichi Takahashi, a member of the War Council, Yoshihisa Kuzu, President of the Black Dragon Society, General Toshizo Nishio Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces in China during the China war, and General Haiwao Tada, his subordinate commander in North China, were also being released.

CONTROL OF BANKS IN PAKISTAN

Bill Passed In Dominion Parliament

KARACHI, Dec. 24 (API): Four Bills to provide for the control of banking companies by the State Bank of Pakistan, to amend the Indian Income-Tax Act of 1922, to make provision for certain matters connected with the regulation of mines and oilfields and mineral development and to further amend the Indian Patents and Designs (extension of time) Act, 1922, were passed by the Pakistan Parliament, this afternoon.

All the Bills, except the one relating to mines and oil-fields, will come into force at once.

The minister for Food, Agriculture and Health, Mr. Abdus Sattar Pirzada, introduced a Bill to amend the Indian Cotton Cess Act of 1923. The Bill proposes to set up a Pakistan Central Cotton Committee in order to improve the quality and production of cotton and ensure its proper development in Pakistan.

The House adjourned till 10-30 a.m. on December 28.

CITY CORPORATION WEEK BY WEEK

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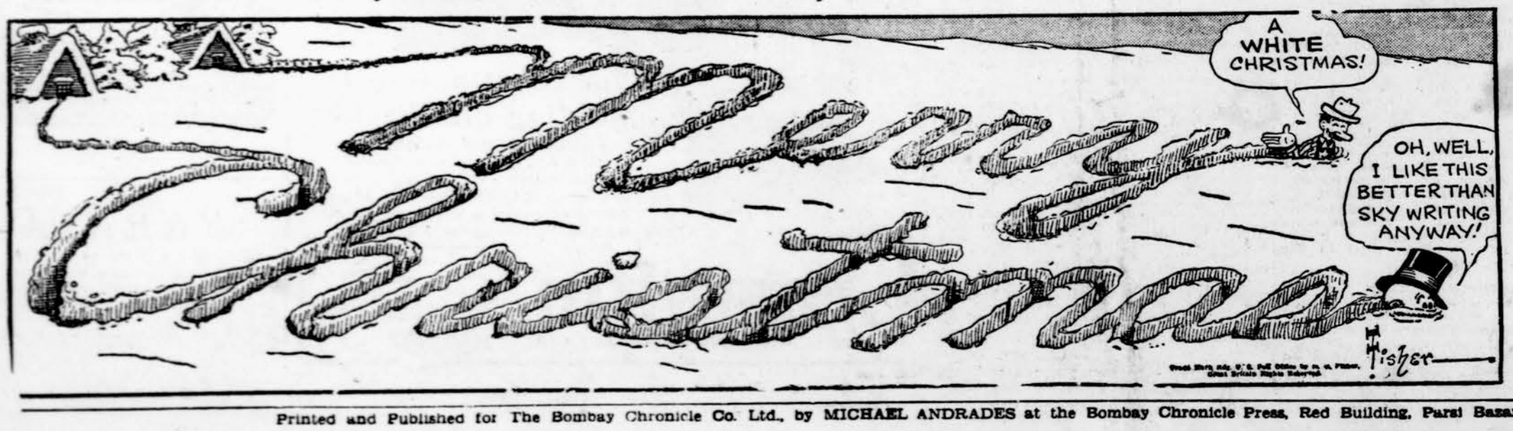
to root out corruption, there must be a more constructive side to tackle a problem of such an enormous magnitude. That constructive side can be the establishment of Model Eating Houses run by the Municipality, a suggestion which has already been made by this paper. The suggestion is worth taking up and the sooner a concrete shape is given to it, the better will it be for improving conditions in the cooked food trade and thus removing the great danger to the health of the city. The question, however, need not be looked at from that narrow angle alone. There is a much broadeer and a more vital side to it and that is the question of municipalising the entire cooked food trade in the city. The suggestion may sound novel today but if real improvement is the ideal that we have to set before us that is the line that will have to be taken up ultimately. A proper plan for providing good, clean and healthy cooked food of sufficient nutrition value at fair prices to the hundreds of thousands of the citizens who have to depend on outside agencies for food, and there is bound to be a class that will always have to do so, is one of the major and crying needs of this city. It will be, indeed proper if some of our city fathers, among whom there are any number of doctors now, apply their minds to this question. As a first step the Municipality can begin with a few Model Eating Houses, and a scheme for supplying at moderate rates packets containing food like sandwiches or wafers which can satisfy the hunger of the thousands of the members of the clerical fraternity who are today being literally fleeced by private owners of eating houses and restaurants in the city. The municipality need not necessarily undertake the work with an eye on profit. The motive must be service to the common man, and more than that the preservation of the city's health, on the one hand by supply of clean food and on the other by preventing people from being forced to consume unclean and unhealthy food. The Municipality need have no eye on profit, but in a city like Bombay it should not be difficult to evolve and work out a scheme that will be business like and may ultimately bring some funds to the coffers of the Municipality which can once again be diverted to providing more amenities to the harassed common man of Bombay.

MUTT AND JEFF—The Only Trouble Is There's No Snow In Many Of Our Cities — By BUD FISHER



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IMPORTS

	6 months ended Sept. '48	6 months ended Sept. '47	Sept. '48	Sept. '47
Machinery of all kinds ..	39,06	25,61	5,35	4,96
Grain Pulse & Flour ..	36,52	10,54	4,04	2,86
Cotton Raw & Waste ..	26,61	17,15	4,07	2,55
Oils	18,17	18,52	2,70	2,77
Metal & Ores	16,32	12,45	2,91	2,00
Vehicles	14,51	13,09	2,47	2,11
Chemicals, Drugs and Medicines	12,51	10,49	2,75	1,81
Dyes & Colours	9,14	7,72	1,64	1,32
Cutlery Hardware etc. ..	6,20	11,72	1,25	1,89
Cotton Yarns & Manufactures	5,93	3,62	1,08	59
Other Yarns & Textile Fabrics	5,53	13,28	2,05	94

EXPORTS

(Value Rs. lakhs)

	6 months ended 30th Sept. 1948	6 months ended 30th Sept. 1947	Sept. '48	Sept. '47
Jute Yarns & Manufactures	73,62	54,99	13,43	10,93
Tea	23,70	25,34	5,18	4,56
Cotton Yarns & Manufactures	22,82	11,25	5,01	1,64
Jute Raw & Waste	13,50	11,05	39	1,25
Cotton Raw & Waste	11,59	22,58	43	2,10
Oils	7,42	4,83	97	87
Hides & Skins tanned and leather	6,35	7,99	1,20	80
Gums, Resins and Lac	4,82	4,25	49	38
Other Yarns & Textile fabrics	4,15	32	24	4
Seeds	3,90	2,30	47	31

EXPORTS FROM INDIA (BY COUNTRIES)

(Value Rs. lakhs)

	6months ended Sept. '48	6 months ended Sept. '47	Sept. '48	Sept. '47
Br. Commonwealth:				
U. K.	45,45	54,88	7,98	12,08
Pakistan	25,93	—	5,27	—
Ceylon	5,53	5,68	76	88
Canada	4,43	5,72	92	75
Straits Settlements	2,08	2,14	37	37
Hongkong	2,00	2,96	25	20
FOREIGN COUNTRIES:				
U.S.A.	35,60	35,56	6,00	5,53
Burma	6,50	6,01	61	94
France	4,76	3,84	14	22
China	4,50	5,33	50	64
Egypt	3,49	80	45	40
Japan	3,61	—	19	—
Argentina	4,52	—	1,47	—
Italy	3,15	2,21	50	18
Belgium	3,14	5,74	27	1,45
Cuba	3,13	—	90	—

IMPORTS INTO INDIA (BY COUNTRIES)

(Value Rs. lakhs)

Br. Commonwealth:	6 months ended Sept. '48	6 months ended Sept. '47	Sept. '48	Sept. '47
U.K.	63,11	59,10	11,06	9,95
Australia	14,18	4,31	2,04	92
Pakistan	9,96	—	40	—
Kenya Colony	6,80	6,44	1,73	2,06
Canada	4,12	5,25	76	76
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan ..	3,32	1,49	59	14
Straits Settlements ..	3,09	3,88	52	37
Foreign Countries:				
U.S.A.	53,46	67,44	10,16	9,13
Burma	11,92	6,29	98	1,63
Egypt	10,65	10,37	96	81
Iran	10,36	11,16	1,12	1,56
Italy	8,55	4,43	2,72	47
Belgium	3,42	3,25	62	31
Switzerland	3,07	4,06	47	51
Argentine	2,70	39	3	5

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U. S. National Income, Production, At New High Levels

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

U. S. production and national income reached new high levels in 1948 the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

National income for the year will be about dol. 224,000,000,000, the Department estimates. It forecasts a gross national product, which measures the market value of the country's output of goods and services, of about dol. 253,000,000,000.

In the third-quarter of 1948, the national income reached an all-time high annual rate of dol. 227,300,000,000, an increase of dol. 5,600,000,000 above the preceding quarter.

Corporate sales were up three per cent over the second-quarter, to a total of dol. 90,000,000,000. Corporate profits increased six per cent in the same period to dol. 8,900,000,000 before taxes and dol. 5,400,000,000 after taxes.

At seasonally adjusted annual rates, corporate profits before taxes rose from dol. 31,400,000,000 in the first-quarter of 1948 to dol. 33,400,000,000 in the second, and to dol. 35,600,000,000 in the third.

However, when the profit figures are further adjusted to allow for the current higher cost of replacing inventories as they stand, the Department explained, the level of corporate income for the first three-quarters of the year is reached at an annual rate of dol. 26,200,000,000, dol. 30,900,000,000, and dol. 31,700,000,000 respectively.

This adjusted profit level (before taxes) is below that of the war years 1941-44, inclusive, although higher than that of any other year in the 1929-47 period.—U.S.I.S.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Silver Spot and Forward	42-1/2 d
Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/12/3

All United States markets closed on 25th December.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

Previous Closing	32,20
Today's Opening	32,17
Difference	—3
Today's Closing	32,18
Difference	—2

The New York Cotton Market will remain closed on Saturday, 25th December.

LAST QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

	Rs. As.
Silver Bullion Ready	178 8
Gold Ready	112 8
Sovereign	73 8
EXPECTATION:	
Cotton Jarila Feb.	620 0

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, December 24.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange market today:

PLANTINGS: Chembras 4/9 Cochin Malabar 4/13 Cons coffee 9/14 Devashola 18/12 Highland Produce 23/4 Do pref 7/14 Nelliampathy 1/7 Ouchterlony 5/6 Pullangodes 1/3 Thirumbadi 2/8 T.R. and T. C. 6/12/6 Do Pref 10 United Nilgiris 168 Vaikundam 7/4 Waterfalls 2/5/6.

TEXTILES: Bank Woollen 240 Buckinghams 166/- Do Pref 196 Cambodias 9/4 CoimBatore CM 102 Do Pioneer 105/8 Janardhanas 46/8 Lakshmi 65/8 Maduras 43/4 Metturs 315/- Pankajas 86/- Radhakrishnas 133/8 Ranga Villas 44/- Trav Rayons 4/14 Do F Pref 6/15 Trichinopoly 11/8 Vasanthas 100/-.

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Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent)

HAPUR MANDI Dec. 24:

Wheat 24/- to 27/, Gram 14/4, Barley 16/, Bejhar 14, Maize 16/, Bajra 16/6, Juwar 16/, Guwar 13, Matar 13/-, Arhar 13/12, Urd 18/4, Urd Maha 17/14, Moong 20/8, Masoor 15/4 to 16/8, Gur new 11/14 to 12/2, Shakkar 13/, Crystal 37/8, Khandsari 24/ to 28, Fagan future 10/1/3, Opened 10/2/3 Unsteady.

Sarsoon 24/8, Taraseed 19/-, to 21, Oil 66/, Oilcake 7/12, Cottonseed 13/8 Groundnut 14/2, Oats 108, Methi 14/8 Bardana Ready Dw. 129/- Chet 112 January 128/, April 124/12.

Silver Forward 163/10, Gold 111 Steady.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Dec. 24:

Rajkot, Silver Maha 172/11/0, Rajkot Sugar Maha 87/8/0, Rajkot Arrandee Jannuary 132/13/0, Jamnagar Silver Post 174/0/0, Jamnagar Aranda January 133/4/0.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 24:

Cotton ready Sind Nt. 84/8, Punjab 289 F 92/8, Four F 74, New Crop Nt roller January delivery 83/8 to 83/12, Sawgin 88/- to 88/8.

Market steady with moderate demand.

Yesterday's business totalled about 1854 bales Arrivals from upcountry 6623 Bales. Exports totalled 300 bales for Liverpool and Chittagong.

Cottonseed NT. Ready 7/12, Do new crop 8/6, Dessi 11/4, Rapeseed 200/, Market steady with good demand.

Yesterday arrivals from upcountry 22892 Mds. and exports 10690 bags for Kathiawar, Cutch and Calicut.

Gold Tejabi 104/8, Sovereigns 68/- Silver Coins 122/- Market steadier on account of moderate demand from upcountry.

Stock Exchange quotations unchanged.

Cutch Hundis

(From Our Correspondent)

BHUJ, Dec. 24:

Hundi Buying	310 0
Hundi Selling	311 0
Gold	Rs. 106 0
Silver ....Rs.	174 0

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Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

	Pies.
45X11.	
Ready	112-1/2
Oct.-Dec.	112-1/2
Jan.-March	114
D. W. 40X23.	
Ready	131 0 0
Oct.-Dec.	127 0 0
Jan.-March	122 8 0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK. Dec 23.

American Telephone and Telegraph	149-1/2
Amerex Holding Co.	22-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	32-7/8
Chase National Bank	34-1/2
Sinclair Oil	22-1/2
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co	44-5/8
General Electric Co.	39-1/8
General Motors	58
Ingersol Rand	92 bid
International Nickel	29-7/8
National City Bank of New York	37-3/4
New York Central Rail Road Co.	12-1/2
Socony Vacuum Corporatoin	16-3/4
Texas Corporation	53-1/4
Union Carbide	40
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	43-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	70-3/4
Western Union Telegraph	15-3/8

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

U.S. Price of Foreign Silver 70 cents

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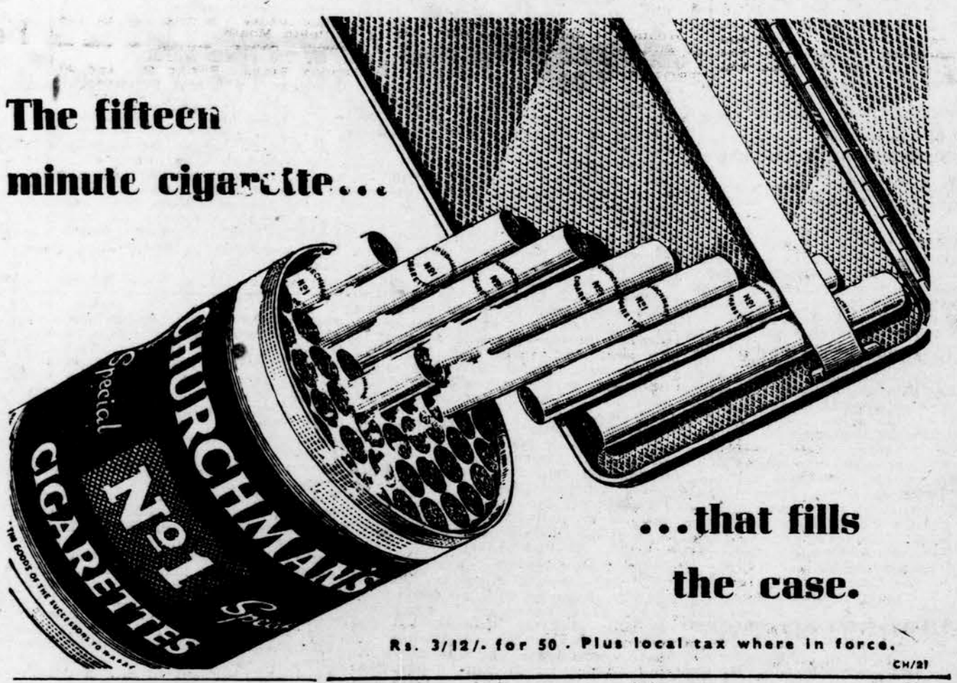

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Business MAN'S DIARY

INFLATION BEGINS TO DISAPPEAR

There are signs of the oeginning of disappearance of widely criticised inflation from the economic horizon of the country. Prices of imported articles are declining under the weight of heavy arrivals and small offtake. Some stockists find it difficult to sell at current rates. However, prices of food grains and machinery are keeping very steady owing to limited supplies. This change goes to prove that production and larger production is the best and permanent cure for inflation. Larger prouctions will bring down prices and in turn the cost of living will cheapen and there will be no demands for increases in wages. The Government will be able to save crores and ultimately will bring relief to tax-payers. Controls may find temporary solution. We urgently need a plan to fix our production limit in term of the existing population following it up on lines of European countries where remarkable progress has been made in economic recovery.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE

Total export duties for the month of November amounted to Rs. 1,46,55,000 against Rs. 2,36,07,000 in November 1947. Land revenue was Rs. 29,67,000. After allowing refunds and drawbacks net customs revenue was Rs. 8,82,85,000 against Rs. 10,98,76,000 in November 1947. Excise income was Rs. 4,29,44,000. Total import duties were Rs. 7,99,72,000. The budget estimate for 1948/49 import duties is Rs. 61,62,45,000 while the income for the first eight months ending November 1948 amount to Rs. 56,91,74,096. Against the budget estimate of Rs. 80,76,00,000 customs revenue, the first eight months' income amounts to Rs 71,63,03,000. With four months still to bring more revenue, the actual income is likely to exceed the budget estimates.

CITY MARKETS

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed on Friday but the general feeling was quiet. Cloth despatches from mills being slow, some operators in the cotton market were found liquidating holdings. Bullion market was quiet with silver prices slightly lower. However, bulls are controlling entire floating stock of silver. Produce market was featureless with routine business.

POOR CLOTH DEMAND

The city retail cloth merchants report poor demand for mill, hand loom and imported cotton cloth. A shopkeeper whose daily sales amounted to an average of Rsfl 200 is hardly able to get an average of Rs. 70. Some members of the Federation of Cloth merchants who have taken government licenses for the sale of controlled cloth are disappointed at the existing condition and are meeting shortly to review the state of affairs. Some leading merchants opine that there are no prospects for coarse and medium controlled cloth. Only fine and superfine varieties will work well under control in the long run.

STATEMENT OF COTTON PRESSED IN INDIAN UNION (RUNNING BALES)

Week ending 3rd Dec.	1948	1947
Madras (a)	...	...
Bombay	3229	3282
West Bengal	52	32
United Provinces	...	...
East Punjab	121	..
Central Provinces (a)	..	..
Berar (a)	...	...
Ajmer Merwara	751	67
Assam (a)	..	...
Hyderabad State (b)	..	...
Mysore State (a)	602	341
Total	4755	3622
1st Sept. to 3rd Dec.	1948	1947
Madras (a)	14858	92664
Bombay	24019	34673
West Bengal	350	1462
United Provinces	...	...
East Punjab	149	...
Central Provinces (a)	822	2501
Berar (a)	12327	41527
Ajmer Merwara	2600	1091
Assam (a)	859	...
Hyderabad State (b)	194	7270
Mysore State (a)	3885	4983
Total	60063	186171

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, December 24.

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98 12
2 1/4 per cent 1950	100 14
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97 2
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97 1
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99 10
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 10
2 3/4 per cent 1976	98 0
3 per cent Non-Terminable	99 1
3 per cent 1986 Con.	99 1
3 per cent 1949-52	100 10
3 per cent 1951-54	101 4
3 per cent 1953-55	101 10
3 per cent 1957	101 4
3 per cent 1959-61	100 14
3 per cent 1963-45	100 3
3 per cent 1966-68	99 15
3 per cent 1970-75	100 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	105 8
4 per cent 1960-70	110 12
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	104 4
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112 2
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68	115 12
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
2 3/4 per cent U P 1961	98 2
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98 2
3 per cent Punjab 1948	98 14
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 12
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 4
3 per cent U P 1952	100 4
3 per cent C P 1961	100 6
3 per cent N W F 1952	99 10
3 per cent U P 1961-66	100 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipality D	111 0
5 per cent Bom Muni 1959	114 8
6 per cent Bom Muni 1954	114 8
3 1/4 per cent Municipalities 1977	100 14
6 K P I	114 1

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BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

150 D. Dec.	3 15 0
150 D. Jan.	3 14 6
120 D Ready	3 10 0
150 D. Ready	3 15 6

City Markets

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.—The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed today. In private Tata Steel Defds. were earlier quoted at Rs. 1672/8 and later stood at Rs. 1670. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 313. Dyeings at Rs. 1010 while Kohinoors at Rs. 290.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.—The local cotton market was quiet today on slightly increased selling in distant months. It is said that in view of increasing stocks of cloth with mills, there will be slow demand for cotton.

February was steady at Rs. 620. May delivery opened at Rs. 615 and declined at Rs. 613 8 on increased selling but with scattered covering rallied at Rs. 614.

Later on trading was restricted and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. Finally the market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

I.C.C. February	620	0	0
I.C.C. May	613	12	0
I.C.C. July	614	0	0
I.C.C. September	614	0	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY
BOMBAY Dec 25

Indian Cotton February Contract
Indian Cotton February Contract is 830 cents below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

Closing 620
May Highest 616-1/4 Lowest 614-1/2
Closing 614-1/2
July Highest 617 Lowest 615-1/2
Closing 615-1/2
September Highest 617 Lowest 615-1/2 Closing 615-1/2

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.—The Local Bullion market was quiet today with slightly increased offerings in ready Silver. Market was steady with moderate turnover. Final quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	Rs 179	0	0
Ready Gold	112	0	0
Sovereigns	73	4	0

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 24

Earlier improvements in Castorseeds met modest profit-taking and prices were quiet around the opening level in the afternoon.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 132-4 and improved to Rs. 132-10 on steady buying. At this level there was scattered profit-taking and prices quietened at Rs 132-3. Later on, Teji-Mandi was declared at around Rs 132-4 Thereafter, there was renewed buying and shortcovering which pushed up prices to Rs. 133-4. Then the market reacted at Rs 133 on small offerings. The undertone of the market was very steady to-day.

Groundnuts and Linseeds were steady with routine business:

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	36	0	0
Coromandal	35	8	0
Bold ready	35	4	0
Bold Dec-Jan.	34	5	0
Bold Feb-March	34	2	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	29	0	0
May delivery	133	0	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	27	10	0
Feb-March	27	10	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready Mills	20	6	0
December	20	0	0
January	19	12	0
February	19	10	0
Linseed Oil	16	12	0
Castorseed Oil first pressing	19	0	0
Castorseed Oil Commercial quality	17	8	0
Gingellyseed	225 to 230		

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

	1948 Bales	1947 Bales
RECEIPTS (By Rail & Sea)		
17th to 20th December	19669	24761
RECEIPTS (By Rail and Sea)		
1st Sept. to 20th Dec.	273660	475471
SHIPMENTS		
17th to 20th December		
Continent	2718	3841
China	1200	—
Japan	—	—
Coast Ports	9032	6048
Total	12950	9862
SHIPMENTS		
1st Sept. to 20th December		
United Kingdom	7071	10849
Continent	46998	152252
China	8749	107766
Japan	721	136486
U.S.A.	7386	12891
Other Foreign Countries	2244	18262
Total all Foreign Countries	73169	438506
Coast Ports	81563	22328
Total	154732	460834
TRANSHIPMENT IN BOMBAY HARBOUR		
During the month of October		
During the omnth of October Total	1	2444
1st Sept. to 31st October Total	1	6782

DELIVERY AND PAYMENTS IN BULLION MARKET

The Bombay Government have issued the following Gazette Extraordinary:—

Bombay Forward Contracts Control Act, 1947.

No. 4132/33D. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 1 of Bombay Forward Contracts Control Act, 1947 (Bom. LXIX of 1947), the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that the provisions of sections 2 3, 6 and 8 to 15 (both inclusive) shall come into force in the City of Bombay on the 25th December 1948 in their application to bullion.

No 4132/33-D(2).—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (9) of secton 2 of the Bombay Forward Contracts Control Act, 1947 (Bom. LXIV of 1947), the Government of Bombay is pleased to specify in respect of bullion, a period of one day after the date of the contract as the period within which there shall be delivery and payment of price.

N. Y. COTTON STEADY ON TRADE BUYING IN NEAR MONTHS

Small Improvement In Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

COTTON: The market opened steady with fluctuations extremely narrow and with mill buying absorbing scattered nedging, particularly in March. Washington advices stating that there is increasing support for a flat 90 per cent parity instead of future flexible price support provisions in the Farm Bill attracted attention but no improvement in cotton goods resulted in cautiousness. In the afternoon prices advanced moderately on routine trade demands in nearmonths, credited against mill and export accounts, finding offerings limited. Otherwise the market was featureless and closed steady with sales estimated at 75,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

March	32.20+10
March Highest	32.22+12
March Lowest	32.12+02
May	31.98+08
July	31.05+07
October	28.49+05
December	28.31+03
Middling Spot	32.87+10

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

March	32.17+07
May	31.93+06
July	31.00+04
October	28.43+05
Middling Spot	31.90+10

ALEXANDRIA COTTON
ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 23.

KARNAK	
January	92.21+286
March	87.98—272
ASHMOUNI	
February	57.55—177
April	57.60—179

WALL STREET MARKET.

STOCKS: The nearness of Christmas and the prevailing economic and political uncertainties militated against the assumption of more important commitments eitherway. Price changes in limited trade were mainly fractional in either direction with gains holding a slight advantage. The averages were industrials 176.52 and rails 53.12.

In the afternoon further tax selling and other offerings were readily absorbed by short covering and replacement buying as prices continued to show small on balance gains in largely featureless trade. All the averages finished showing small gains. The market closed steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS.

The market displayed firmer tendency reflecting additional grain export allocations announced late yesterday by the Department of Agriculture for first quarter shipment, together with a one cent advance in the Commodity Credit Corporation maize buying price at Baltimore and sales of cash wheat to Government.

CHICAGO WHEAT
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.

May	2,28-1/8
July	2,09-3/4
September	2,09-7/8
December	unquoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, Dec. 23.

Consols 2-1/2 p c	79-11/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-1/4
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	114-3/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	99-1/2
National Bank of India	38-1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 3,870.

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON, Dec. 23.

LONDON, Australian wheat F O B (bulk) 99/3 Dec/Jan quoted

LONDON EXHANGES

	SELLING	BUYING
T. T. London on:		
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14.47	14.50

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

B. C. Rates I I D D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates I I D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Mos

London Banks Selling I I D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling I I D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Mos.

London Banks Buying I I. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month

London Banks Buying I I. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying D D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.

New York & Montreal B C Rate I I. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling I. I. D. D Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 329

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y Rs 328 3/4 Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y Rs 329 Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs 7860

Paris Banks Buying I. I. Fcs. 8060

Amsterdam Banks Selling I. I. D D Fl. 79.

Belgium Banks Selling I. I. D. D Fcs. 1305.

Java Banks Selling T. I. D. D. Gids 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling I. T. D. D Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 156 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate doi 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.43; London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70. London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4. London-Denmark Cross Rate Kr 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16; London Iran Cross Rate Ri 128/130 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 99.80-100.20; London Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14, London/Montreal Cross Rate doi. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4 London/New York Cross Rate doi 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061—1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London-Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36; London/Syria Cross Rate 880-5.

London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c.; London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money: Call 1/2 p.c., 3 Mos. 3/4 p.c., 6 Mos. 1 p.c., 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.

Tone easy.

Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

	Pics.
45X11.	
Ready	113
Oct.-Dec.	113-1/4
Jan.-March	114
D. W. 40X23.	
Ready	130 8 0
Oct.-Dec.	129 0 0
Jan.-March	122 0 0

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 23

Maha dely. 185 to 187

Reserve Bank Of India Employees' Association

BOMBAY, Friday.

The 15th Session of the All-India Reserve Bank Employees' Conference will be held on Sunday, Dec. 26, at Madras. Mr. C. M. Chidambaram Chettiar, will preside and Hon'ble Sri Kala Venkata Rao, will inaugurate the Conference. A delegation of 5 members has left Bombay to attend the Conference.

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Dec 23.

Small	90
Medium	95
Big	97
Extra Big	—
Jan.	31 5 0
March	30 13 0
Arrivals Bags	1,605
Despatches Bags Approx	----
Total Stock Approx Bags	----

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

Maha dely. 184 to 186

Trade And Finance

Year-End Requirements Responsible For Stringent Conditions In Money Market

POOR OFFTAKE TELLS ON SILVER PRICES

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Dec. 24:

MONEY

Owing to year-end requirements, stringent conditions prevailed in the short-term money market during the week under review. Interbank call money was nominally quoted at 1/2 per cent. but lenders were scearce. One to two months' money was placeable around 1 1/4 per cent., whilst there were borrowers of three months' money upto 1 1/2 per cent. There were no Treasury Bill tenders invited during the week, but maturities amounted to Rs. 1.20 crores.

The weekly statements of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 17th December 1948 show a decline of Rs. 1.96 crores in the note circulation and a rise of Rs. 2 crores in the notes held in the Banking Department. Government deposits show a small decline of Rs. 59 lakhs, but Bankers' balances have dropped by a little over Rs. 6 1/2 crores. The item of "Balances held abroad" has declined further by Rs. 2.92 crores to Rs. 258 crores, whilst loans and advances to Government have been reduced by Rs. 4.13 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 17th December shows an increase of Rs. 1.71 crores in Deposits, whilst Advances have risen sharply by Rs. 5.73 crores. The cash holding of the Bank, in consequence, has contracted by Rs. 3.16 crores to Rs 41.80 crores.

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market ruled quiet with business at a very low ebb. There was a further small recession in values owing to lack of support. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan moved down to Rs. 99-1. Among dated loans, 2 1/2 per cent. 1961 loan was marked down to Rs. 97-1 and 2 3/4 per cent. 1976 loan to Rs. 97-8. 3 per cent. 1951/54 loan ruled easier at Rs. 101-5 and 3 per cent. 1957 Victory loan at Rs. 101-4. 3 per cent. 1963/65 loan was an anna lower at Rs. 100-3. Other loans were practically unchanged in the absence of any enquiry.

EXCHANGE

ket ruled featureless during the week

The rupee/sterling exchange market ruled featureless during the week with moderate activity in evidence. For interbank business, sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s. 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of TT on London spot ..... 1s. 5-31/32d.

Sellers of TT on London upto six months .. 1s. 5-15/16d

Buyers of TT on London spot & upto 9 months ..1s. 6-1/16d.

In New York, the sterling/dollar crossrate ruled steady at 4.03 dollars for spot and 4.02 dollars for forward.

GOLD

With the termination of the current contract, all forward trading came to a standstill pending the formation of bye-laws by the newly formed Bullion Association. The quotation for ready gold moved narrowly between Rs. 112-15 and Rs. 112-4 during the week. Towards the latter part of the week there was a slightly better demand which was satisfied by the arrival of the usual quantity of the Indian mine gold. The price of sovereigns also remained steady around Rs. 73-8. Stocks of gold on hand are esitmated at 60,000 tolas. Arrivals during the week are reported to have averaged about 7,000 totals and the offtake at 6,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 112-15 and Rs 112-4 for ready.

SILVER

The silver section of the bullion market exhibited some strength owing mainly to covering by short-sellers. The quotation for ready silver went up from the opening level of Rs. 179 to Rs. 181 on Tuesday and after declining to Rs. 179.4 the next day, firmed up to Rs. 182 on Thursday—the auction day for the Marwari Chamber. At the close the quotation stood lower at Rs. 178-8. In contrast to the previous week, the offtake during the week under review was very poor, being only about 10 bars a day. Floating stocks of silver are reported to be about 5,000 bars. The quotation for silver both in London and New York remained stationary at 42 1/2d. and 70 cents respectively. The highest and lowest ready rates touched locally were Rs. 182 and Rs 178-8.

SHARES

The share market ruled firm during the week following strong bull support, particularly in the steel section, and also covering by shorts in view of the approaching Christmas vacation. Towards the close, however, prices were marked down on profit-taking.

Tata Defds. were boosted up from Rs. 1635 to Rs. 1697-8 and Ordinaries from Rs. 304-8 to 316 on active short-covering as well as fresh bull support. At the close, profit-taking caused a reaction, Defds. being placed lower at Rs. 1660 and Ordinaries at Rs. 313-8 unofficially after the close of the market on Thursday afternoon. The textile section also revived in sympathy with steels but was subdued at the close on profit-taking at the higher level. Bombay Dyeings, after being talked up to Rs. 1017-8, closed lower at Rs. 1008-12. Kohinoors and Swadeshis were both bid up to Rs. 294-8, closing lower again at Rs. 291-8 Hydro-electrics were quieter in the absence of any investment support. Andhra Valleys receded from Rs. 1470 to Rs. 1440, whilst Tata Hydros were marked down from Rs. 158-8 to Rs 151-8. Tata Powers lost some 20 points to Rs 1517-8. Bank shares ruled firm on good investment buying. Imperial Bank Fully Paids hardened from Rs. 1745 to Rs. 1795 and Central Banks from Rs. 83 to Rs. 86-8. Bank of Indias found buyers at Rs. 190. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements evoked good demand at Rs 158 and Belapurs at Rs. 242-8. Scindia Steams and New Indias were both steady at Rs. 20 and Rs. 59 respectively.

CALCUTTA MARKETS

The jute section of the Calcutta share market ruled quietly steady during the week under review, with only a moderate business passing at around prevailing rates.

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DIVIDENDS DECLARED

CENTRAL PROVINCES RAILWAYS CO. LTD.

The Directors Report for the year ended 30th September, states:—

There has been a decrease of over 1.72 lacs in the number of passengers carried when compared with last year. The substantial increase of Rs. 2.36 lacs in earnings is, however due to the enhancement in passenger fares from 1st January, 1948, enforced on all the three sections of your Railways under instructions from the Railway Board.

It will be noted from the Balance Sheet that the expenditure incurred to-date on Capital Account exceeds the amount of the issued and subscribed Capital by Rs. 78,417-9-1. As stated in the Directors' Report last year this amount is being financed from revenue or by means of temporary borrowings, under the Railway Board's sanction. The question of raising additional funds for future Capital commitments is receiving the attention of your Directors and Agents.

After payment of Government's share of surplus profits amounting to Rs. 1,95,575-9-10 as against Rs. 1,26,696-5-3 in the previous year and after making provision for taxation (Rs. 1,17,559-13-0) as against Rs. 1,34,250-4-0 last year, the available net profit for the year was Rs. 5,16,900-8-9 compared with Rs. 4,35,432-10-5 in 1946-47. The sum of Rs. 26,955-6-3 brought forward from last year's Accounts must be added to the net profit for the year, making available Rs. 5,43,855-15-0 in all.

The Directors declared an adinterim dividend at the rate of 4 1-2 per cent per annum, less Income-Tax, which absorbed Rs. 2,11,500, leaving a balance of Rs. 3,32,355-15-0 available for disposal, which they recommend should be applied as follows:

Dividend for the Second half-year ended 30th September, 1948, at the rate of 6-1/4 per cent per annum (making 6-1/4 per cent for the year payable less Income-Tax, Rs. 3,05,500-0-0 Bonus to the Company's Staff Rs. 1,000-0-0 Balance to be carried forward 25,855-15-0 Total Rs 3,32,355-15-0.

PARASEA COLLIERIES

The working of the half-year shows a profit of Rs. 31,507-12-0. Taking into account the balance brought forward from last account, the Profit & Loss Account shows a credit balance of Rs. 56,562-2-11 only out of which we recommend to distribute a preferential dividend of Rs. 44,000-0-0 for the year ending 31st December, 1946 at 5-1/2 per annum to the holders of preference shares and carry forward the sum of Rs. 12,562-2-11 only.

The position of raisings for the period under review was maintained as the previous level with some difficulties as there was no appreciable improvement in labour supply.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Dec 24:

—S.S. SOROL—

From Galveston 4000 tons sulphur.

—S.S. SIRSA—

From Abadan— 10711 drums bitumen

—S.S. THOMOS-SIMLEE—

From Houston Texas— 65 bags carbon black; 141 cases set of Cylinders asonurable; 100 drums white oil; 500 drums petroleum lubricating oil; 38023 slabs zinc; 150 drums light diesel oil; 1016 bag paper lined burlap bags commercial flour; 130 drums dieselfuel oil;

From New Orleans

1271 coils cotton baling hoops; 500 bags wire nails; 101 electric motors; 3323 drums lupricating oil; 235 drums diesel fuel oil; 157 tinplate waste; 62 boxes internal combustion engines diesel; 100 bales highspeed light mineral fuel oil; 4000 bags soda ash; 112 bdls brass plate; 1007 bdls hickory dimension; 8433 slabs electro lytic zinc; 1696 crates wood pulp board; 506 bdls hickory loom picking sticks;

—S.S. VIRGINIAMAY—

From Karachi:—

759 bdls raw wet salted baffalo nides 550 bags salt petre, 470 bags refined salt petre, 282 and 1002 bags, 373 bags dry salted fish, 130 bags dry D. fish, 176 bags wet salted fish, 322 cases apricot, 78 bags dry fruits, 326 bags angoor, 35 cases khismish, 164 cases badam with shell, 100 bags unani medicine, 51 bags zeera black, 129 pkgs. walnut kernals, 90 cans pista waghz forey, 950 bags cottonseed oil cakes, 115 mith kathi, 50 cases ice cream freezer, 204 baskets fresh fruits appples.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

SS ENGLISTAN

To Karachi—251 lumps jagree—V. Ghela, 8 cases cigarettes—Golden Tobacco Co. 600 lumps jagree—E. Abbas.

SS SANGEORGIO

To Karachi—6 bales woollen carpets —Keysons Ltd.

SS JALABALA

To Karachi—20 drums castor oil—Ismail and Co., 500 cases hamam soap, 1500 cases cologne, 100 cases toilet soap —The Tata Oil Mills Co. Ltd.

S.S. DWARKA

To Kuwait:—

60 bags soft stone powder—S. B. Husein.

S.S. BARJORA

To Muscat:—

5 cases porcelain cava cups—M. H Suleman.

To Basrah:—

954 pkgs rectangular section—Anglo Iranian Oil Co. (Ind.) Ltd.

S.S. PARA

To Gothemburg:—

200 bags steatite powder—Shaw Wallace Co. Ltd.

50 bales cotton waste—C. Raskilal and Co.

500 cases talc powder—Shaw Wallace and Co. Ltd.

To Antwerp:—

50 bales cotton waste—C. Rasiklal and Co.

200 bales cotton waste—G. M. Vyas and Co.

To Rotterdam:—

69 bales cotton waste—G. M. Vyas and Co.

50 bales cotton waste—M. Chandalal and Co.

S.S. KHISROU

To Aden:—

25 bdls coir ropes—G. F. Poonawalla.

20 bags empty cylinders—B C Buhariwala and Sons.

To Jeddah:—

10 cases castor oil, 10 cases glass ware, 5 cases earthenware—M. Umerchandhoy.

15 cases procelain ware—Miscellaneous Shippers.

S.S. MATHRACLEPPE

To New York:—

300 bales cotton waste—C. Damodar and Co.

210 bales jute rug—Chunilal and Co.

50 cases chutney—E. Spinner and Co. (Overseas) Ltd.

400 bags gum Karaya—N. Mulji and Co.

S.S. CALEDONIA

To Liverpool:—

250 bales yellow cotton pickings International Cotton Coruoration Ltd.

50 bales cotton waste—H. S. Manchester Ltd.

S.S. TANJOR

To Chittagong:—

250 bales cotton yarn—The Swa-Cotton Mills Co. Ltd.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

DEPARTURES.

'FLYING CLIPPER' for Hongkong with general cargo on Dec. 23.

'EUGENIA CHANDRIS' for Quilon in ballast on Dec. 23.

'EXCHEQUER' for New York with general cargo on Dec. 24.

'ICINDAT' for Karachi with general cargo on Dec. 24.

'LAURA LAURO' for Adelaide in ballast on Dec. 23.

'HOEGH MUCHANG' for Basreh with general cargo on Dec. 23.

ARRIVALS.

'EDWARD GRIEG' from Dalhousie with general cargo on Dec. 23.

'BARJORA' from Basrah with general cargo on Dec. 24.

SHIPBUILDING IN AUSTRALIA

Long-Term Plan Ensures Future

(BY JOHN LOUGHLIN).

If the present intentions of the Australian Government, as recently announced by the Prime Minister, remain unaltered, the shipbuilding industry of Australia—a legacy from the war—is assured of a busy time for many years to come. Those intentions are, briefly—

To operate a Government-owned shipping line from 1949.

To require all new ships on the Australian coastal services to be built locally;

To put a 25-year limit on the life of ships on the Australian coastal runs.

The Government is determined not to allow the shipbuilding industry to lapse into the doldrums as it did after the first world war. Its avowed policy is to keep the shipyards in existence permanently as going concerns, on the assumption that it is just as necessary to have the backing of a shipbuilding industry that can be expanded rapidly in emergency, as it is to have trained defence forces and fighting ships.

This has special force in an island continent entirely dependent on the merchant marine for its international trade, and to a great extent for its domestic trade, 80 per cent of which was carried by coastal ships before the last war.

TEN YEAR PLAN

Limiting the life of ships on the Australian coast to 25 years was designed to ensure a continuing demand for new vessels from the local shipyards. It also meant that a fleet of reasonably up-to-date ships would be always in service ready to take up the onerous supply duties of wartime. Experience in the last war showed that some aged ships spend so much time in dock for repairs and maintenance that they are little more than a liability.

Due to the comparatively limited output of the builders, these things cannot be done quickly. The shipping plan is a long range one extending over about 10 years. It will take that long, it is estimated, for the shipyards to get abreast of the needs of the merchant marine on the basis of a 25-year life for ships.

According to an official survey there are 35 ships of more than 200 tons on the Australian coast that have passed the 25-year limit. These are continuing operations under special four-year permits, subject to regular Lloyds surveys. Many other ships are close to the "retiring age", and will no doubt remain in service under the same conditions, until the shipyards can provide replacements.

Similarly the restriction of the coastal trade to Australian built ships is a long-range objective rather than a rigid policy. Until enough ships can be built locally, it will be necessary for private companies to obtain some types from oversea shipyards.

Increase In Egyptian Cotton Crop

In the field of cotton, the report gives the second official estimate of Egypt's 1948 cotton crop, listing it at 1,772,000 bales, compared with 1,314,000, the final 1947 estimate. Most of the increase was in Ashmouni Zagora varieties, shortest of the Egyptian staples.a

Slightly larger world production of cacao beans is forecast, the report indicates. Of the total world production of 1,413,200,000 pounds, Africa is expected to yield 942,950,000 pounds and Oceania and Asia 15,800,000.

A new world record in soyabeen production is indicated, the report declares. China's 1948 crop of 210,800,000 bushels is the largest since the middle 1930's despite a three-per cent acreage reduction from 1947. Other countries in the Middle East and Asian area are Turkey with 70,000 bushels, Japan with 8,760,000 bushels, Korea with 9,273,000 bushels and the Netherland Indies with 7,716,000 bushels.

The report also lists a gain in Ceylon's rice imports. Burma and Egypt were the greatest exporters of rice to Ceylon, contributing from January to September 1948, 582,000,000 pounds and 174,000,000 pounds respectively, out of a total of 775,000,000 pounds imported by Ceylon during that period. —U.S.I.E.

Calicut Market

CALICUT, Dec. 24.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145 Gullandy 145/1155 Fibre Garbled 105 Ungarbled 95 Cocoanuts Raw 135/137/8 Dry 135 Copra Office 405 Dilpasand 412/8 Madrasnottam 425 Pepper Wynaad 1250 Country 1200 Dryginger Chernad 475 Ernad 425 Coffee Robusta 142/8 Timber Pali 70/80 Junglewood 30/40 Vellapine 65/75 Benteak 40/50 Teak 75/120 Mango 3/4 Teak 12/17/8 Rosewood 12/8/20

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

Small	90
Medium	98
Big	—
Extra Big	113
Jan.	31 4 0
March	30 12 0
Arrivals Bags	4,398
Despatches Bags Approx	2,500
Total Stock Approx Bags	40,000

Textile Machinery Trade With Germany

Mr. Sohrab K. Khan, member of the Committee of Textile Stores and Machinery Merchants' Association, Hon Secretary Bobbin Manufacturers' Association and Managing Director of Engineering and Agencies Ltd., Bombay, has left for a business tour of European countries, and in particular for visiting Germany with which country he has extensive business connections for import of textile and engineering machinery and power plants. He will negotiate for German Machinery and Plant on the basis of the report of Government of India's Trade Delegation to Germany and some of the Continental countries. Mr Khan was Director in the office of the Textile Commissioner during the war, and has up-to-date knowledge of the requirement of Indian Textile Industry.

FOREIGN CAPITAL TO BE INVITED TO INDIA?

Reorientation Of Industrial Policy Envisaged

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

Reorientation of industrial policy recently announced by Government is envisaged by knowledgeable persons here. Government is expected to announce that the goal of nationalisation as indicated by Congress Economic Committee would be further receded from ten to twenty years.

Another modification is expected to be in the field of employment of foreign capital in this country. Opinion here is that industrialisation and development of country could not wait much longer and in view of the unavailability of Indian capital efforts should be made to attract foreign capital to India. Government, therefore, is likely to postpone indefinitely certain amendments to Company Law as envisaged in the Industrial Policy statement early this year. On the Contrary Government is expected to ensure integrity of foreign captial and give the necessary assurances to foreign investors that they will be granted the necessary foreign exchange to transfer their yearly interests and capital from India. So far as State enterprise is concerned the model set up by Indo-British agreement for telephone Factory might be adopted in other cases. An early announcement is expected.

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Record Catch Off West Coast

"MEENA" DRAGS IN 10 TONS OF FISH IN 3 DAYS

BOMBAY, Dec. 24 (API)—About ten tons of fish of different varieties were caught off Diu head 150, miles northwest Bombay by the Government of India's deep sea fishing trawler, the 450-ton "Meena" during three days early this week. The trawler has returned to Bombay—the "base of operations"—and will again leave for Diu on Jan. 2.

TRAINING INDIANS IN DEEP SEA FISHING

The Commander of the "Meena", 58-year-old Briton, Captain Martin Fielding, told the 'Associated Press of India' that this was a record catch off the west coast since the beginning of the Government of India's deep sea fishing operations mainly intended to train Indians in the work. The catch, including Ghols, Davas, Ray, Eels, Skates, Pomphrets, Saw Fishes, Mackerel and some Sharks, each seven feet long, was sold to the Bombay market yesterday by the Superintending Engineer of the deep sea fishing station, Mr. J. Franklin.

The Commander of the "Meena" is assisted by six Indians who recently underwent training in England, besides an Indian crew of 33.

Captain Fielding said his experience showed that the project was full of promise, and he hoped Indians would soon take over entirely the work of supplying an important item of food to their country.

"GOAN CULTURE IS INDIAN"

Portugese Minister's Statement False, Says Dr. Menezes

BOMBAY, Dec. 24 (UPI)—"The recent statement of the Portuguese Minister for Colonies is completely false and misleading so far as the ethonological, cultural and political composition of the people of the Portuguese settlements in India are concerned", observed Dr J. Menezes, founder of the Gomantak Prajamandal in an interview to the United Press of India, today.

Quoting the Portuguese census figures of 1931, he said that Hindus who were 318,314, constituted 54.9 percent of the population, Catholics (249,896) 43.1 percent, Muslims (11,148) 1.9 percent and others (614) 0.1 percent.

"Ethnologically", he stated, "Goans are indistinguishable from other Indians. Barring the mestices or Eurasians—a negligible fraction—both Hindus and Christians are of common Indian extraction. The fact that caste is maintained even among Goan Catholics shows that they have not even been assimilated.

"The culture of Goans also is Indian, and Pandit Neshru's reference to 'cultural heritage' and 'traditions and institutions' established by foreigners in India appeared meaningless and probably arose out of lack of firsthand knowledge of the exact socio-cultural conditions in the Portuguese settlements. The only 'heritage' of this kind was the heritage of hybridization and isolation from the great cultural heritage of Indian civilization, so far as the Christian minority is concerned. Goa's foreign rulers have tried to denationalize a section of the population with the result that cultural isolation and illiteracy have been produced."

VIDYARANYA EDUCATION SOCIETY

The Vidyaranya Education Society which has been conducting a school at Perla (South Kanara District) since 1926 for the benefit of villagers living round about, now proposes to convert the institution into a high school. It has at present a strength of 550 pupils To fulfil the requirements of the Government Education Department the Society needs to deposit Rs. 35,000 out of which the Society has been able to find Rs. 20,000 so far. It urgently needs Rs. 15,000 more to enable it to make the required deposit. It has issued an appeal to all Kanarites and other well-wishers of the backward classes to extend their help to the Society. Funds are needed also for the erection of a hostel and for free scholarships to the poor students. Mr. P Venkatramana Bhatt, secretary of the Society, has arrived in Bombay to seek public help for the school. Contributions may be sent to the Secretary, Vidyaranya Society Perla P.O., South Kanara.

PACE OF JUSTICE MUST BE EXPEDITED

(BY R. P. ACHARYA, OUR STAFF REPORTER.)

"Justice delayed is justice denied" is a trite saying, as old as the hills. How annoying this delay in the course of justice can be was known even to good old Shakespeare, who makes Hamlet refer to the "insolence of office and law's delays", in his famous apostrophe on death—"To be or not to be."

Many magistrates in city courts have expressed their impatience at the delays. Only the other day Rao Sahib C. B. Velkar discharged an accused person when the police asked for more time, holding that the police could not go on making repetitive applications, on the ground that they had not been able to prepare the case, they were yet collecting evidence and the hearing of the case be postponed once more. It may be mentioned that the men were immediately re-arrested and the whole process re-started "de novo".

ENDLESS TREK

There are more than a score of courts in the city and in Greater Bombay and persons arrested either afresh or months ago keep on coming and waiting endlessly for their cases to be taken up. But all that happens, quite often, is that the police ask for more time and that men trek back home and come again.

Usually everyone who figures in a city police court as an accused is offered bail by the magistrate. There are certain cases, like murder, dacoity and other major offences, where bail is not allowable. Here the question of bail does not arise at all, for there is no provision in law, for bail in such specific instances. But, the grant of bail does not mean that the bail is accepted by a person, and that he can move about like a free man. Quite often, a person ordered to be released on bail, by a considerate magistrate, languishes in prison for a month, two months and more until the case is decided, if he has not the money or the contact to produce, as his security.

About a fortnight ago, a sweeper from Brady's flats at Colaba was arrested on a complaint from a lady that he had stolen an empty soda-water bottle. The magistrate released him on a bail of Rs. 150. It passes one's understanding, how a sweeper suspected of such a petty theft—the property involved was evaluated by the police at Re. 1—could furnish a bail of Rs. 150. The alternative before the arrested person is to stay in a lock-up for a month or two.

CASE HISTORIES

The following are true case histories illustrating the point:—

(1) Mohamed Abdul Malik arrested for loitering in a suspicious manner on December 3, was discharged on a police application on 21/12. It took the police 18 days to find out there was nothing against him.

(2) Mohamed Aslam Abdul Hamid, arrested on December 6, on a charge of loitering in a suspicious manner, was also similarly discharged on the same day in similar circumstances. A fortnight of cooling the heels here.

(3) Anthony Bishu, Mathradas Kalyandas, Abdul Sattar Barkat and Pandurang Maruti were arrested on December 7 for moving about in a suspicious mannr. After a fortnight, the police stated to the magistrate that there was no evidence to place them on a chargesheet and asked for their discharge.

(4) Bakrmohamed Mahamed Beg was arrested on November 25, on the charge of being in possession of an airgun. His case has not yet come for hearing, though it is nearly two months old. Also it will not come till the end of this month, for the police have applied for a bail extension till 28/12.

(5) Shankar Pandurang was arrested on November 25 on a charge of theft. The sum involved is Rs. 75. He can also take a chance in the next year.

(6) Dasrath Maruti, Datoo Shantaram and Joseph Jacob were all arrested for loitering in suspicious circumstances. The first two arrested on December 6, have to wait till 28/12; the last person arrested on December 7, till 23/12.

(7) J. B. Shankar and 11 others arrested towards the end of November are not yet charge-sheeted. They are charged with gaming. There is another batch of thirteen alleged gamblers with one Lokayya Kittu heading the list, all arrested on November 8. They too have to wait, for the police to make up their minds, whether to proceed with the case or not.

(8) One of the most leisurely of the cases encountered in this survey was that of Khimji Desai. This man was arrested on August 22. After the lapse of four months the police made a fresh application and got a date till the 28th of this month.

LEISURELY METHODS

It is a well-known fact that most of the magistrate, especially Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, are impatient of the delaying and leisurely methods of the police. But, unless something drastic is devised by Government in order to expedite the pace of justice, the unfortunates who get into the clutches of the law, are caused needless suffering. It is no joke for a poor person, unable to furnish bail or security, to languish in bug-infested lock-ups for protracted periods, to be told at the end that he is discharged as there is no evidence against him. Even a person who has the means to furnish bail, cannot be feeling any too comfortable if his case is not decided one way or the other for months on end, for being under a cloud of suspicion is less a torture.

All the above cases were taken from a single day's applications for bail and remand extension before the Chief Presidency Magistrate. The cases came up on December 21.

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The Mind Of Maharashtra

(By Observer)

The reaction of the Maharashtra Press to the India-wide arrests of the R.S.S. workers has been one of cautious comment. No journal, critical towards the Congress has directly condemned Government's action. The Congress Press is, of course, of the opinion that the R.S.S. movement has brought this trouble on its own head because of its policy. It is significant to remark, however, that even newspapers, that viewed the movement with sympathy, have taken care not to make comments which would offend the general popular sentiment in Maharashtra which undoubtedly regards the R.S.S. activity as an anti-social manifestation of a doctrine which at the present juncture will do great harm to the country. The 'Kal,' a Poona daily generally very critical of the present Congress High-Command, has gone no further than splashing in large headlines the arrests. In one issue it starred the fact that at Satara one batch of Satyagrahis included 'barristers, doctors, engineers'. In another issue it stressed the importance of the readiness of about thirty peasants from Maval a tract near Poona town, to join the Satyagraha. The comments of the staid, old "Kesari" regarding Government's action are illuminating.

A WARNING

The 'Kesari' warns the public that its urgent advice is that people should remain peaceful so that the atmosphere of peace in the community is not disturbed. A warning of a much sterner type is given by the Dhanurdhari', a Bombay Weekly asking the public to beware of the propaganda on behalf of the 'Sangh' in certain quarters. It declares roundly that slogan 'Hindustan Hinduonka, nahi kisika bapka' is "wrong and utterly foolish". Free India, it says, will not be a Hindu India, it will be a Hindi India. "It will rest on the firm foundation of the love and support of those who were born and bred in this country and who have no devotion to any other land but India". It is to them all India belongs. The journal warns against the folly of the 'Sangh' giving a challenge on behalf of the communalists to a Government supported by all communities. Government has accepted the challenge. The 'Dhanurdhari' says that it behoves the public to co-operate heartily with the Government and eradicate once for all this poison of communalism from our body politics.

THE NIRA AFFAIR

Drinking Nira is under a cloud at present in Maharashtra if reports in the press are a true indication of the people's nervousness since the lamentable affair in which owing to a still unexplained cause, contaminated Nira happened to be drunk in a public bar near Poona with the loss of two lives and several people in hospital. It is fortunate that the anti-Congress press has been sensible enough not to make much of the tragedy. The Government statement that a very stringent enquiry will be made into the affair has gone a long way in assuring the public, but it is not likely that for some time at least the Nira bars will be patronised as keenly as before.

DEFENCE PROBLEMS

It is an indication of the growing tendency in Maharashtra to enrol in larger numbers in the army that comment and criticism about our present defence requirements should be given a prominent place in the Marathi Press. In this connection, a Maharashtrian who had spent more than 25 years in the Indian Army, told me that the Press should also give greater attention to the subject, particularly regarding the need of securing larger enrolment of Maratha youth in the Indian Navy. The "Dnyanprakash", a Poona daily noted for its learned editorials, had recently an excellent article on our defence position. The 'Sakal' also stressed its importance.

LINGUISM

The report of the Dar Commission on the possibility of establishing provinces on linguistic lines has produced a good deal of resentment in the Press of the Maharashtra. Congress journals take the party line, of course and consider that in postponing the issue, as the Commission recommends we shall be serving the best interests of the country. But journals which have devoted all these months considerable space to emphasising the urgent and imperative need of carving out a 'Sanyukta Maharashtra' are unable to swallow the unwelcome pill offered by the Commission. We shall soon have exhaustive and learned disquisitions on the subject in the monthly periodicals of Maharashtra. It is there that the Poona intellectuals find their debating round. These periodicals provide generally abundant fare for the reader, notably journals like 'Chitramaya Jagat', which was nursed into a healthy growth by that veteran Congressman, Vasukaka Joshi and the 'Sahyadri' to which Mr. N. C. Kelkar devoted a considerable amount of his literary energies during the evening of his life.

Cyclone Relief Fund

The following further contributions to the Cyclone Relief Fund have been received:

Mr. M. M. Amersey, "Madhura," 22-A, Carmichael Road, Bombay. Rs. 1,000 Sir Purshottamdas Thakordas Rs. 500 Mr. Maganlal N. Chokshi, B.A., LL.B., Advocate Broach. Rs. 500 Messrs. Jagannath Krishnalal, Bankers and Commission Agents Kalbadevi Road, Bombay. Rs. 101 Mr. Gaganvihari L. Mehta, (Indian Tariff Board, Contractor Building, Nicol Road, Bombay). Rs. 100 Previous contributions Rs. 72,238 Total Rs. 74,436.

S. T. More

Mr. S. T. More, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Public Works will inaugurate the second session of the "Dhangar Samajyonnati Parishad" on December 26, at Ashwi (Taluka Sangamner-District Ahmednagar).

He will also be the chief guest at the annual conference of the Association of the Subordinate Service of Engineers, PWD Poona, to be held at Poona, on December 25 and 26.

THE LATE DR. SHIRODKAR

Condolence Meeting At Parel Tomorrow

A public meeting of the citizens of Bombay will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. at Nare Park Parel, to pay homage to the Late Dr. Ramanandra Kashinath Shirodkar, B.Sc.Ph.D. (Leeds) M.L.A., J.P. the well known educationist and social worker of Pare., Bombay. Shri S. K. Patil, President of the BPCC Bombay, to preside.

The Society which he organised in 1939 is running efficiently the Parel High School, the Pare. Night High School, and two Primary Teachers' Training Colleges for men and women in the mil-area of Bombay and one High School on new lines in a village in Batnagiri District. Thousands of children of working class have taken advantage of these institutions. Many of his schemes are incomplete as yet and the responsibility of carrying them out lies on the shoulders of his friends and admirers. All his sympathisers are requested to attend the meeting and join in offering the last respects to the memory of the departed soul.

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Role Of Universities In India

DR. RADHAKRISHNAN'S SPEECH AT MADRAS

MADRAS, Dec. 23, (API): "The greatness of a nation depends on the greatness of its intellectuals, upon the work which is done by them, upon the fundamental discoveries like radium, penicillin and psycho-therapy, where are all these things brought about, if not in institutions of education and culture", declared Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Chairman of the University Commission speaking at the Senate house this evening.

Dr. Radhakrishnan was replying to a welcome accorded to the University Commission at a party by the Madras Education Minister Mr. T. S. Avanashilingam. Ministers of Madras Government, Chief Justice and other Judges of the High Court and prominent eductionists attended the function.

The Chairman of the Commission said that they were now in the process of making up their minds and that process would continue for a good deal of time and it would not be finished until their report was published. "Let me assure you" he said, "that we are educationists and teachers interested in only one thing namely raising the cultural level of this land."

KNOWLEDGE AND CHARACTER

"If our civilisation has been great, and it is great, it is not on account of industry or commerce but on the qualities of saintliness on which it is raised and on which it has laid the greatest emphasis" said Dr. Radhakrishnan.

"Any civilisation without contemporary generation or greatness" he added "is like a deserged shrine. We cannot always be living on our past.

It is essential for us to produce men who incarnate spirit of our great land here and now, and the universities have a great task in bringing about that particular kind of men and we do hope that, with the encouragement which the Governments will give, we shall emphasise not merely knowledge but also character, a quality which our country needs most today when we have achieved independence. Success exposes our weaknesses much more than failure does. During the period when we were struggling for independence we exhibited great sublimities of courage service and sacrifice today these qualities are found to be lacking. This disilusionment was produced in Gandhiji's mind and that broke his heart before the bullet pierced his body. We all know it."

"It is, therefore, essential" continued Dr. Radhakrishnan. "That our universities should produce men of knowledge ability, character and discipline." He held that the money spent on education in India is proportion to her revenue was much less than what it was in other countries of the world. "I think education must be regarded as priority number one on the revenues of any state" he observed. They wanted more doctors, engineers and scientific personnel. Where could they produce those doctors, engineers and scientists to run the day-to-day administration and to contribute to higher research, if not in their universities, he asked.

NECESSITY FOR EXPANSION OF EDUCATION

"If you are seriously interested in the expansion of education, in raising the standard of secondary education and to make effective contribution to learning and science, you must develop the universities to the highest level possible," he said.

Dr. Radhakrishnan incidentally recalled the observation made by Dr. Silvan Levy who recently visited India, toured the countryside and called on the various universities in this country that: "most intellectual people and the worst educational system." while not conceding that they were the most intellectual people, Dr. Radhakrishnan agreed that there was a good deal of truth that the educational system was the worst.

Dr. Radhakrishnan continued: our graduates when they go out are mere replicas and blind echoes of western culture: they are not truly representative of Indian culture and of Indian genius. It is essential therefore that our universities should see to it that the graduates turned out by them are really people, who are imbued with at least a little of the spirit for which this country has stood, a country which has had a long history, which has been famous in every one of its generations for its great people, a country which even in its darkness days of depression has kept alive the spirit.

It is such a country which is in your charge and it is your duty to help the universities to produce graduates to do the best they can.

AMBALA, Dec. 23 (API).—Active support of the Government of India to Indonesia in her struggle against Dutch imperialism was urged by Ambala students at their meeting held today to protest against the unwarranted Dutch attack on Indonesia.

INSTITUTION OF GANDHIJI AND TAGORE

Sarojini Naidu's Presidential Address At Visvabharati

SANTINIKETAN, Dec 24 (UPI): "This institution belongs to both, I mean, Poet Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi."

In these significant and touching words Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces, described Visvabharati in her presidential address at the Convocation of the University, held yesterday at Amrakunja.

In words eloquent and exquisitely poetic she narrated the intimate affinity of the aspiration and ideal of these two towering personalities and makers of modern India. Their inspiration and achievement, she characterised as to be too close and intimate to be dissociated whether in Visvabharati or in India at large.

After Karmasachiva Rathindra Nath's welcome address and the annual report, 22 Snatakas received diplomas.

H.E. Dr. K.N. Katju, Governor of West Bengal, in his speech paid deep homage to the memory of Poet Tagore and described this visit of his as a pilgrimage to a very holy temple of learning.

Dr. Jha then delivered his Convocation Address, full of erudition and new ideas on problems of education.

The whole function took two hours and was remarkable for its sullen and artistic rites and programme and large attendance.

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR MADHYABHARAT

But No New Taxation

GWALIOR, December 24. (U.P.I.): The first budget of the Madhyabharat Government for the period Januar-March 1949 was presented to the Madhyabharat Legislative Assembly by Mr Takhatmal, Finance Minister of the Union.

Revenue income for the period was estimated to be Rs. 2,49,00,000 with the expenditure estimated at Rs. 2,84,00,000, the resultant deficit is Rs. 25 lakhs. Provisions have been made in the budget for the continuance of large public health works improvement, construction of roads and the Chambal Hydro-Electric Project.

The main feature of the budget was that there was no proposal for any new taxation. Other features of the budget were provision of Rs. 21 lakhs for relief and rehabilitation, Rs. 38 lakhs for seed advances to cultivator and Rs. 38 lakhs for kans eradication scheme.

Nira Committee To Meet On Dec. 30

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay is perturbed over the recent Nira tragedy at Poona which took a toll of eleven lives, said Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, Government of Bombay, in the course of a press interview today.

Mr. Patil further disclosed that reports from Poona did not indicate any foul play connected with the tragedy. He further revealed that the government was trying to find out the cause of the tragedy. For this purpose a meeting of the Nira Committee was convened on December 30 next. The Committee will consider suitable steps for preventing such tragedy in future. If necessary, he aid, the whole Nira scheme will be overhauled.

Mr. Patil will be leaving Bombay tomorrow for a tour of the Ratnagiri District. Prohibition propaganda and the establishments of social welfare centres at different places seem to be the objects of the tour.

KARACHI, Dec. 23 (API).—A press note issued by the Posts and Telegraphs Department states: "It is notified for general information that Urdu written in Roman script will be admitted with immediate effect in foreign telegrams."

BUDGET IN FRENCH ASSEMBLY

Agreement On Raising Of Production Tax Reached

PARIS, Dec. 23. (Reuter): Prime Minister Henri Queuilles Coalition Government as good as won its battle for France's controversial 1949 "bring in the money" budget tonight when all majority parliamentary groups, including the Socialists, agreed that production tax and most indirect taxes raised.

Agreement came during the fifth day of the Assembly's budget debate, a few hours after the Cabinet had authorised M. Queuilles to seek an "un-official" confidence vote whenever he thought it necessary.

The Government is seeking 135,000,000,000 francs (about £127,000,000) extra taxation to help finance the investment programme France has undertaken under the Marshall Plan.

Originally the Government proposed an extra ten per cent on all taxes, direct or indirect. But right wing and centre deputies objected saying it would increase the exibiting "unfair incidence" of direct taxation.

As an alternative method of raising the money, the majority groups agreed to-night that the production tax should be raised from ten per cent to 12.5 per cent and most, but not all, indirect taxes increased by 25 per cent.

The Socialists had feared that a higher production tax would result in higher prices. But M. Queuille said that while theoretically the new rate would slightly raise the household budget of minimum wage earners in practice he thought the tax could and should be borne by the manufacturer.

A NITE WITH STARS

Good Public Response To Appeal

Plans are now open and tickets are on sale at the Regal Cinema, Bombay, for "A Nite With Stars," a charity show at 9-15 p.m. on Monday January 17, in which India's leading stars will make their first personal appearance on the stage to entertain a large audience headed by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh.

Within a week of its announcement the show has already met with generous and overwhelming response from the public. Rs. 10,000-worth of advertising has been booked for the de luxe programme and the tickets are selling rapidly.

A special row of seats near the Governor's aisle are reserved for Consular representatives of different countries, who are requested to contact Mrs. Aileen Karanjia, at 29, Earl's Court, Marine Drive, Bombay (Tel. 22507) in order to purchase their tickets and get their invitations.

A large number of seats are also being bought up by generous donors for distribution to military hospitals and soldiers holidaying in Bombay free of charge, so that those for whom the collections are being made may also be able to share the evening's fun and entertainment.

Film stars taking part in the show are busy rehearsing their songs, dances and skits: and David, that master of wit and humour, is busy linking the items together in a laughter-loaded commentary which is going to be one of the highlights of the evening.

"A Nite With Stars" is being organised under the auspices of Lady Maharaj Singh's Amenities for Troops Fund Committee, for Troop comforts and Kashmir Relief. With the initial success met by the organisers, it is now certain that their target of collecting Rs. 50,000 for so noble a cause may be surpassed.

SIMLA Dec 23 (API).—The Municipal sweepers strike which began here yesterday continues.

Today Municipal Councillors assisted by the staff of the Municipal Health Department and the people cleaned certain localities in the town.

Sweeper women took out a procession this morning. In one locality some of them are reported to have prevented people from cleaning the area.

BRIBERY CHARGE FAILS

Magistrate Acquits Accused

BOMBAY, Friday.

Chintaman Ganesh Deo, a luggage clerk at Victoria Terminus and two other Railway police constables who were being prosecuted for alleged acceptance of small illegal gratifications, were acquitted by Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court today.

The Magistrate criticized the police officer who arrested the suspects and remarked that it was not proper for the police officers to make themselves part and parcel of the machinery of giving a bribe to a public servant in order that he may be caught.

The prosecution case against the suspects was that they demanded a bribe to permit a 'bogus passenger' excess mondage to be booked without previous inspection. When several complaints were received a trap was laid and the accused were arrested.

The Magistrate said that the complainant was 'disgustingly irresponsible person' who told a number of lies and it was not possible to attach weight to the evidence of the police officer who mixed himself up so completely with the complainant and he, therefore, acquitted the suspects.

TAPASE'S CALL TO DANGIS TO BE SELF RELIANT

Assurance Of Govt. Help For Adiwasis

Addressing a gethering of thousands of Dangis consisting of Bhils and Konkanis (aboriginals) at Pimpalwad on the West Khandesh border recently, Mr. C. D. Tapase, Minister for Industries, Fisheries and Backward Classes, Government of Bombay, recounted and explained the various measures launched by the Government for their welfare and exhorted them to become self-reliant and so organise themselves as to take the fullest advantage of the opportunities offered.

Continuing, the Backward Classes Minister referred to the rich forest wealth of the district and appeals to the Dangis to form co-operative societies and work the forest coupes.

Making a plea for giving up their drink habit, he observed: "Another evil which has entered your house is the 'demon drink', on which you spend your hard-earned money, which is insufficient even to meet the expenses of your daily necessities.

After addressing meetings at Sokarpatal and Karbell, the Minister arrived late at night at Ahwa, the district place of Dangs and a small, isolated townlet.

Addressing them at night, he drew attention to the provision of free primary, secondary and higher education for Adiwasi boys and girls and referred to the grants given to private bodies, in addition to Government effort, to build and run hostels for the students belonging to the Backward Classes. They were also trying to eliminate class and caste distinctions in all spheres of activity.

In conclusion, he said:

"The Government is of course there to extend every help to you in every manner."

"I have a great and abiding interest in your welfare and future and hence I have come here to study your grievances and see things for myself.

The Minister's speech was followed by an appeal to the Dangis to follow his sage advice by a young educated Dangi boy, Master Jadhav, who spoke in the local dialect and created a deep impression on his listeners.

CITY BUSINESSMAN ACQUITTED

BOMBAY, Friday.

Holding that there was no conclusive evidence to prove that he was guilty, Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court, acquitted Mr. Kaikhusroo Sorabji Engineer, a businessman of Bombay who stood charged before him, with cheating one Abdul Karm Haji Mahomed, a hardware and steel merchant, in respect of Rs. 17,500. It was alleged that the accused had induced the complainant to part with the money on the pretext of supplying him with 500 bags of wire nails. It was stated for the prosecution that the accused accepted the money, and went in the company of the complainants Mehta, upto Mahaluxmi, in order to deliver the goods and escaped on some pretext.

The Magistrate rejected the prosecution story on various grounds. He regarded that the evidence tendered could not be regarded as independent, as one of the witness was the Mehta and the other, the brother-in-law of the complainant. The Magistrate could not also accept that when the Mehta accompanied the accused for the delivery of the goods, the money should have been entrusted to the accused, especially as there had been no receipt. The Magistrate also held that the entry of the amount involved, which appeared at the end of the page, might not have been entered on the same day. "....The fact that the book was not produced at the police station till September 6, 1948, makes it quite probable that this entry was made in the account book, not on the same day that the amount is stated to have been paid to the accused, but at some subsequent date....", he said.

FOURTH KONKANI CONFERENCE

A meeting of the Reception Committee of the Fourth Konkani Conference will be held on Sunday, 26th inst. at 4 p.m. in the St. Sebastian Goan High School Hall, Thakurdwar, to elect the President of the Conference as well as the Chairman and executive committee of Reception Committee and to fix the fee for visitors to the Conference.

BOMBAY, Friday.—Two R.S.S. workers were arrested by the Bombay Police today thus bringing the total arrests of R.S.S. men to 1253.

ALLEGED GANG OF ARMED DACOITS ARRESTED

Police Recover Ammunition For Sten-Gun And Revolver

BOMBAY, Friday.

A smart piece of investigation on the part of Inspector Patankar and Sub-Inspector N. J. Singh of the Special Branch Police of the Government of India, in Bombay city, resulted last evening in the arrest of an alleged gang of seven men who were produced before the Chief Presidency Magistrate today, on charges of conspiring to commit armed dacoities, possession of arms without license and the offering of illegal gratification to military personnel.

It was stated in court today that word reached Superintendent Kunversen of the Government of India Special Police in Greater Bombay, that a group of men were trying to induce military personnel at Colaba barracks to sell them arms and ammunition, for the alleged purpose of committing dacoities. The men are learnt to have offered not only cash money for the smuggling of the arms as well as part of the amounts realised subsequently by dacoities, as commission.

The Special Branch Superintendent entrusted the affair to Inspector Patankar and Mr. Singh, and Mr. F. S. Contractor, a Justice of the Peace and an Honorary Magistrate was deputed to act as a witness to the transaction.

Last night the alleged leader of the gang Farid Abdul Rariman met a military sepoy, who at the behest of the police had agreed to act as bogus customer. He was stated to have been accompained by two persons at the time of the transaction. The accused was alleged to have paid Rs. 45 and taken possession of the revolver. The police party, watching the transaction from an adjacent room, arrested Farid and the two men who were with him. Another four persons arrested in Farid's house are learnt to have come from Meerut and Indore for the purpose of buying illegally arms in the city.

The police are learnt to have recovered from the person of the third accused in the case two live rounds of ammunition, one for a sten-gun and another for a .38 revolver.

The other six accused in the case are. Francis Bernard John, John Francis, Ebrahim Abdul Rahim, John Lawrence Chander Ramlal and Abdul Rashid.

All the accused were remanded in police custody.

MESSAGE RATE SYSTEM ON PHONE CALLS PUT OFF

Arrangements Not Complete For Switch Over

BOMBAY, Friday.—The introduction of the call rate system for the 122 square miles of Bombay Area served by the telephone system has definitely been postponed from January 1, 1949, to a subsequent date in the early part of the coming year, it is reliably learnt in Bombay. Contrary to reports which had appeared in the press some time ago to the effect that the telephone exchange would be ready for the switch over to the call system by the beginning of the coming year, it is now understood that the equipment of the exchange will be adapted to the call system only within the first two months of 1949.

A formal notification announcing the date for the introduction of the call rate system will be made by the Government of India in due course.

It is expected that the introduction of the call rate system will reduce the pressure on the telephone exchange to a considerable extent. The exchange is today handling very much more than the load it is designed to bear. Though the exact proportion of the excess traffic is not known, it can be safely stated that the excess of traffic is between 30 and 50 per cent over the normal capacity of the exchange.

In the course of the day, the traffic is highest during the hours of 1 and 2 p.m., but despite this heavy traffic only one call per 500 is lot in an ordinary day. However, the pressure of traffic is not stable and varies hourly according to events such as market fluctuations, wars and similar occurrences especially if occurrences are sudden or catastrophic.

A significant aspect of the call system is the non-exemption of hospitals and other welfare organisations from the call rate. It was believed that hospitals and the like would be charged on the "automatic rate" as is the prevalent practice. However no institution, inclusive of Government Offices, will be exempt from the call rate.

With regard to the provision of new telephone connections it is stated that the difficulties experienced are not so much due to the shortage of earphones as to the difficulty of procuring exchange equipment. In the case of the former, these are being manufactured in sufficient quantities in the factory set up at Bangalore about two years ago. But exchange equipment is not being produced in India and is being imported from England. It is not until sufficient equipment for the exchange is available that the Telephone Company will be in a position to provide new connections.

In so far as the equipment of the exchange is concerned the equipment for business houses is designed to bear a greater amount of traffic than that for residential houses, and more wear and tear is caused to the business lines as a result of the excess traffic borne by the exchange. This wear and tear will also be reduced when the call rate system is brought into force.

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was a certain amount of voluntary self-restraint by the Dutch Government in the exercise of their sovereignty and that also only to a limited extent. In modern democratic systems of Government such restraint has often been placed on the rulers of states—quite often by themselves. It was therefore perfectly natural that such a plea should have been put forward.

These were very important concessions and went a long way to meet the Dutch point of view. The response of the Dutch Government, to put it at its mildest, was certainly not one which might reasonably have been expected. Their reply dated December 17 was such that the American representative was constrained to characterise it as follows.

"I cannot in justice press Dr. Hatta for an immediate reply to a letter which calls not for a mere expression of willingness to resume negotiations but rather for surrender to the position of your Government on every material point."

SIGNIFICANT POINT

It is significant to observe that whereas the Dutch Government took four days to send their own reply they were not willing to give more than few hours to the Republican Government to give their answer.

The question involved were of great importance. No Government could seriously to give a reply within a few hours. The letter was not an acceptance of the Indonesian proposal to continue negotiations but was really an ultimatum calling upon to concede the demands of the Dutch Government.

"When one considers the very short space of time given to the Republican Government for sending their reply, and the tone of the letter, one is inevitably led to the conclusion that the Dutch Government had decided to follow a totally different course of action.

"After the failure of the direct negotiations, if the Dutch Government really desired to find a solution of the problem, it could have approached the Good Offices Committee and asked for its assistance in that behalf. In fact for the last several months the services of the Good Offices Committee have not been utilised for that purpose.

"Even the Dutch Government in its statement before the Council has paid tribute to the work done by the Committee and has recognised the efforts made by the Committee.

DIFFICULT & THANKLESS TASK

"My Government wants to join in the tribute to the committee. Their earnestness and sincerity has impressed all those who have had occasion to observe their work. Theirs has been a difficult and thankless task. But nevertheless they have always tried to find a solution.

"Why was the Committee then not approached? Why was no effort made to get them to bridge the gulf that existed between the parties?

"The answer is clear, and not far to seek. The Dutch Government had decided to settle the question by arms.

"At midnight on December 19 the Dutch Government started military action. According to the report of the Good Offices Committee the repudiation of the truce agreement was not conveyed to the Committee as a whole—and the Committee can function only as a whole—nor was it conveyed to the Republican Government. This was a flagrant breach of the truce agreement."

MILITARY PREPARATIONS

"The attack was launched at different places. The way parachute and other military units moved into action clearly indicates that military preparations had been going on for a long time. These preparations could not have been made between the time the negotiations finally broken down and the commencement of the military action.

"One cannot help being led to the conclusion that the period of negotiations had been really utilised for making military preparations.

"The ostensible reason given for military action was that there were violations of the truce agreement by the Republican Government. A list of the alleged breaches is annexed to the communication handed over by the Netherlands delegate on December 18.

"It is significant to observe that in that list after October 29 only one breach has been alleged and that is on November 24, 1948, and that after the date of the last alleged breach, negotiations had been carried on by the Dutch representatives with the Republican Government.

DUTCH ATTACK UNCALLED FOR

It is certainly important to note that no breach whatever has been alleged between the period of the breakdown of the negotiations and the commencement of hostilities. We submit, Mr. President, the attack launched by the Dutch Government was entirely unprovoked and uncalled for.

"There is nothing whatever to show that the Republican Government was making any military preparations. In fact the latest reports of the Good Offices Committee directly repudiates that suggestion.

"The other ground suggested by the Dutch Government in their memorandum dated December 18 for not wanting to carry on the negotiations is such as to deserve really no comment. I want, however, to allude to it because it contains a reference to my Government. It has been suggested that there was no point in carrying on negotiations as Dr. Soekarno and some of his ministers were going on a visit to India.

SOEKARNO'S VISIT

"The fact is that Dr. Soekarno was proposing to visit India in response to all long standing invitation that had been extended to him by my Prime Minister. Dr. Stikker himself has admitted that the Dutch Government had agreed to Dr. SSoekarno making that visit.

"In order to enable Dr. Soekarno to make that visit, the Government of India decided to send one of its planes to fetch him. Before the plane left, the Dutch Ambassador in New Delhi had been informed. Nevertheless, for fortyeight hours the plane was held up at Singapore as the Dutch authorities in Indonesia delayed giving the necessary clearance. The permission was given only a few hours before military action was started by the Dutch Government and the plane had to return. "These facts speak for themselves and no further comments are necessary on Dr. Soekarno's proposed visit out of which a certain amount of capital has been sought to be made by the Dutch Government.

"The purpose of the military action, according to the memoranda issued by the Netherlands Government is to establish conditions in which the population of Indonesia can decide the manner in which they desire to govern themselves.

One fails to understand how there can be a free decision by the Indonesian people when a very substantial portion has been suppressed. It cannot be seriously suggested that there could be free elections in Indonesia when the Republican Government has been militarily crushed and its leading members imprisoned.

WAVE OF BITTERNESS

"The present military action is bound to bring in its wake a wave of bitterness. This will not be confined to the areas under the control of the Republican Government but will soon spread to other areas also. Already reports are coming in of the resignations of various governments and of uprisings in several parts.

"It has also been suggested that this action has been undertaken in order to put down irresponsible elements. It is difficult to understand, much less to appreciate, this argument as these are the very elements with whom the Dutch Government have been carrying on negotiations and if the negotiations had succeeded they would have been responsible members of Government.

INDONESIANS LOVE THEIR FREEDOM

"If the Netherlands Government hope that by speedy military action the Republican Government may be suppressed then they are mistaken. The Republican Government represents the will of the Indonesian people for freedom. The people of Indonesia love life, they love peace, but more than that they love their freedom and their honour. They will willingly see their homes destroyed, their beautiful fields turned into battlegrounds, rather than surrender their honour. Theirs is a will which shall not bend, theirs is a spirit which shall not be crushed.

Mr. President, let there be no misapprehension on one point—the ultimate solution of this problem can never be found in military action.

"The problem that is engaging the Council's attention is of great importance. The struggle of the Indonesian people for fredom epitomises the spirit that is stirring the whole of Asia. In that continent there is a tremendour upsurge.

INDIA GREATLY CONCERNED

"Everyday events of great consequence are taking place. If this question is not speedily and effectively solved it will have very wide repercusions in that continent. We are not directly involved in the question. We have no ulterior motives. But no power in Asia can sit back and look upon with equanimity or indifference the happenings in Indonesia. Consequently my Government is greatly concerned with the latest developments. My Government has always been and is now willing to help in every effort to solve this problem.

"They are anxious to see that a solution is found, but the solution must be one that maintains the honour of the Indonesian people.

COUNCIL MUST ACT

"Above all, the Council must consider what immediate steps it must take to meet the present emergency. The Good Offices Committee itself has asked for directions. The Council must act immediately, decisively and effectively.

"My Government feels that the Council should order an immediate cease fire. Such an order by itself, however, would not meet the situation. An order should also be made for the withdrawal of Dutch troops to lines demarcated by the truce agreement as provided in the joint resolution. The absence of such an order will enable the Dutch to hold the territories gained by them by their present action, including the capital of the Republic, and it would indirectly amount to the Council acquiescing in the present aggression.

RELEASE OF LEADERS URGED

"We also feel that there should be a provision for the release of the leaders and other persons who have been taken prisoners after the commencement of hostilities. They are the representatives of the Indonesian people. If the military action is not justified then certainly there can be no justification whatever for their continued incarceration. We urge that a provision be made calling for their immediate release.

The question of jurisdiction and of the competence of the Council to deal with this matter has fully been dealt with by the distinguished delegates of America, China and Australia. We associate with the views expressed by them."

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CLOTH RATIONING

DRILL, which was hitherto included in Coating Cloth and which could be purchased on coupons marked for Coating alone, has now been removed from the classification of Coating and put under 'Other Cloth'. Drill can be, therefore, purchased now on any of the coupons like other cloth.

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RATION QUANTUM

THE FOOD GRAINS RATION QUANTUM and the maximum proportions prescribed for different cereals in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District rationed areas, for the 53rd rationing week commencing from Sunday, the 26th December, 1948, to 1st January, 1949, will remain the same as during the current week.

RELIEF TO RUNNING STAFF OF RAILWAYS

Average Demands Of Union Met, Says Santanam

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (API): Mr K. Santanam, Minister of State (Railways) stated today at a press conference here that the increase in the remuneration of the running staff of the Indian State railways recently announced by the Railway Board exceeded the average demands of the Unions.

Giving comparative figures of the rates of remunerations in the prepay commission days, the Pay Commissions recommendations and the present rates of remuneration, Mr. Santanam stated that the highest grade drivers were getting only a maximum of rupees 405 and a minimum of rupees 219 per month before the pay commission's recommendations. The Pay Commission recommended a maximum of rupees 455/- and a minimum of rupees 299/-. Under the new scale the maximum had been fixed at Rs. 618/- and minimum Rs. 392/-. Similarly the lowest grades of drivers and guards had also benefitted. He said that the object of the new scale was to pull up the lower scale more while increasing the maximum limit.

Detailing the steps the Government had taken to remove the transport bottleneck at Bombay end, Mr. Santanam said that 79 specials to carry food, and other necessaries were scheduled to run by the BB and CI from Bombay to Delhi and East Punjab, while the GIP had programmed to run 71 specials.

REALLOCATION OF CLASSES

Referring to the proposed reallocation of the classes in the passenger trains, Mr. Santanam said that the number of intermediary classes would contain more seats than the total number of seats in the present second class and intermediate class coaches.

'INDONESIAN' DAY ON DEC. 31

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (API): The President of the All-India Student's Congress in a statement here today appealed to students to observe December 31 as 'Indonesia Day' throught India by holding peaceful meetings and demonstrating their solidarity with the people of Indonesia.

National Central Trade Union

CALCUTTA Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): The conference of Trade Unions convened by the Sanyukta Mazdoor Sammelan (United Labour Conference) today decided to establish a national central trade union organisation. The conference was attended amongst others by Messrs Jai Prakash Narain Asoka Mehta, R. S. Ruikar, Purusorttamdas Tricumdas and Khedgika & Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali.

X'MAS FESTIVITY IN CITY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Christmas was ushered on Bombay at midnight with the usual solemn choir music at cathedrals and the gay rhythm of dance music at dance halls and people singing to the glory of the Saviour of Nazareth.

For the past one week, people in Bombay were busy with the preparations for celebrating X'mas this year, and shops and markets were full of customers purchasing various articles.

The most solemn Midnight Mass was held at Ccoperage in the open air and was attended by many people including children. The choir of the Holy Name was in attendance and Christmas caress were sung at the Pontifical High Mass.

Other churches in th city including the Church of Scotland St. John's (Afghan Memorial) Church, at Colaba, St. Thomas' Cathedral at Churchgate, St. Mary the Virgin, at Parel, All Saints Church at Malabar Hill also held similar midnight services to observe the Nativity of Christ.

The Government of Bombay have already relaxed their rule of banning all merry-making after midnight in the city for X'mas Eve and X'mas, and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Medicos Abandon Plan For Hunger-Strike

BOMBAY, Dec. 24 (API)—Medical students in Bombay today decided to abandon their move to go on a hungerstrike as a protest against the recent increase in the fees. Following the efforts made by the Sheriff Mr. Joachim Alva, the students agreed to furnish particulars about their financial position to the Government on prescribed form, so as to enable the Government to judge cases deserving of free scholarships.

HYDERABAD DEMAND FOR INTERIM GOVERNMENT

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lowing it had gained among the masses by virture of its service and sacrifice.

JANARDHAN DESAI MEETS NEHRU

Representatives of the parallel Congress group led by Mr. Janardhan Rao Desai also met Pandit Nehru and placed before him their views of the conditions in the state. It is understood that besides Mr. Desai, the deputation consisted of Mr. B. Ramakrishna Rao, General Secreary Mr. Kashinath Rao Vaidya and Mr. Harichandra Heda, Prominent members of the Working Committee.

It is understood that Pandit Nehru expressed regret that at this most important juncture, a rift should have been allowed to develop in the State Congress organisation and exhorted them to try their utmost to bring about unity and harmony again in the state. This was not the time for them to quarrel among themselves but to unite in service to the State and the people. He is said to have told them that there could be no hope or talk of political or economic progress of the State unless they sank their differences and thought in terms of service.

Pandit Nehru is reported to have told the deputationsts that he was not going to discuss with them at present the merits demerits of their case in setting up a paraluesl organisation nor was he inclined to sit in judgment over them at present. He had not studied the whole question fully. He is said to have asked them to set out their position clearly in writing and explain their stand to his secretary Mr. Dwarkanath Kachru who is in Hyderabad.

EFFORTS TO SETTLE CONGRESS DISPUTES

In the meantime according to reliable political sources a vigorous effort is being made by Mr. V. P. Menon Adviser to the States Ministry Government of India who is now here, to bring about an understanding between the two rival groups of Hyderabad Congressmen. Mr. Menon is understood to have had full discussions on this matter with representatives of Mr. Janardhan Rao Desai's group and later lengthy talks with Swamy Ramanand Tirth.

Mr. Menon is reported to have appealed to both the groups to consider the seriousness of the present position of the State and in the larger interest of the people of the State exhorted them to restore complete unity and harmony which prevailed in the organisation before July 1947, which was such a source of strength in their battle for freedom. He appealed to them to sink their differences and work together.

Mr. Menon is expected to hold further discussions with representatives of both the groups during his stay in Hyderabad and submit a report of his talks to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on return to Delhi.

It is suggested on certain quarters that the two groups may agree to abide by any award made by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as on impartial arbitrator and in the meantime, agree not to exacerbate the political situation by further mutual recriminations.

PANDIT NEHRU ARRIVES IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (Dn.). Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Prime Minister of India arrived at the Hakimpet aerodrome (Hyderabad) by a special plane shortly after noon to-day.

He was received at the airport by the Military Governor, Major General J. N. Choudhury, the Chief Civil Administrator of Hyderabad, Mr. D. S. Bakhle and the Prince of Berar representing H.E.H. the Nizam.

Also accompanying Pandit Nehru in his plane were Srimati Vijayalakshmi, Princess Ded Ligne, daughter of the Belgian Ambassador in India, and Mr. A. S. Iyengar, Principal Information Officer, Government of India.

As soon as Pandit Nehru stepped out of the plane he inspected a guard of honour at the airport presented by Indian army troops. A representative Citizens Reception Committee received Pandit Nehru who was garlanded by the Military Governor and citizen's representatives.

After having a few words with his old friends in the Reception Committee and Swami Ramand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress and others, Pandit Nehru got into an open coupe car and drove down to Bolarum residency.

WARM RECEPTION

Thousands of men and women had gathered in the airport from early hours of this morning, to catch a glimpse of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and as soon as the special plane touched down vociferous shouts of "Jai Hind" and "Pandit Nehru-ki-Jai" rent the air.

The three-mile long route to the Bolarum residency was lined by big crowds and many had got on to lorry and tree tops to cheer Pandit Nehru as he passed along. Pandit Nehru waved to the crowd with a smile in acknowledgment of their cheers.

Pandit Nehru, after lunching with the Military Governor at the residency, will meet the members of the State Congress Working Committee led by Swami Ramanand Tirth, and also representatives of the parallel organisation set up by dissident members of the State Congress.

Cariappa In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): Lt. Gen K. W. Carippa, Commander-in Chief designate India arrived in Hyderabad by a special plane this morning about an hour before Pandit Nehru's arrival.

After a few hours stay at the Bolarum Residency and lunching with the Military Governor of Hyderabad and Pandit Nehru, Lt. Gen. Carippa took of again en route to Wellington (Nilgiris) where he will be addressing the Staff College.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY

PARIS, Dec 24 (Reuter): After a continuous allnight session of 14 hours weary French deputies today adopted the controversial 1949 "bring in the money" budget by 333 votes to 262.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF INDIA

Recommendations Of Priorities Committee

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24:

The Priorities Committee set up by the Government of India have finalised their recommendations on the reductions to be effected in the expenditure on Central Government's development plans during the current financial year ending March 31, 1949 and the next financial year.

They have permitted expenditure of 51 crores as against the originally fixed sum of Rs. 70 crores during the current financial year. Besides this sum of Rs. 51 crores Government would provide funds for the newly launched telephone factory and for the Shipping Corporation and as much finance for the Railways as the Railway show as surplus in excess of the figure expected earlier.

For the next financial year, a sum of Rs. 45 crores has been provided for Central Government development projects, besides which it is intended to provide Rs. 60 crores more to certain specific items like the Shipping Corporation and some new industries.

The recommendations of the Priorities Committee which had wide support from all ministries, have had the effect of saving a third of the originally contemplated figure. They would not at the same time lead to the stopping of any productive project. The reductions have been effected mainly in non-essential expenditure and by suitably adjusting the speed in the implementation of the new projects.

DIRECT TAXATION TO INDUSTRIES

Master's Plea For Relief

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 24 (API): Addressing the students of the H.L. College of Commerce on the occasion of the College Day celebrations today Mr. M. A. Master said: "Capital has not been flowing into business as one would expect and as the policy of industrialisation would demand. It is said that the capital is on strike. I am not here to defend the industrialists. I want you, however, to note the fact that the present direct taxation on income and industries has been a strong deterrent to the free flow of capital. As a matter of fact people have not been able to save as much as the country would like them to save. One can only hope that the Finance Minister would show the courage of following up his words by deeds and would give such relief in the matter of direct taxation to the Industries and to investors as might enable the capital to flow more freedly and more effectively in fruitful channels of national activities in the future'.

Stop Press

BLANKETS FOR INDIAN TROOPS IN KASHMIR

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (A.P.I.): Three-thousand warm blankets have been sent by air to Poionch to ensure that Indian troops do not spend a cold Christmas, there, according to a frontline despatch from Poonch received here today.

U.N. KASHMIR COMMISSION IN KARACHI

KARACHI, Dec. 24 (UPI): The membere of the U.N. Commission on Kashmir had consultations with Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, after their arrival in Karachi this afternoon. Later, they met Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Pakistan Prime Minister and discussed proposals for plebiscite in Kashmir and Jammu.

BOMB THROWN ON RUNNING CAR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24 (A.P.I.): Although normal service continued in all sections till the usual hour of the night a bomb was thrown on a running car on the Tolygung en route at about 8-30 p.m. resulting in injuries to the driver and a conductor. No other incidents were reported in the evening.

MOUNTBATTEN FOR BRITISH CABINET?

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UPI)—Lord Mountbatten's name was prominently mentioned today in connection with the British Cabinet reshuffle which is expected before the new year.

POPE'S X'MAS BROADCAST

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (Reuter)—In his Christmas broadcast, His Holiness the Pope proclaimed today that nations who break the law should be treated as violators of the peace and banned by civilian society.

SOCIALIST PARTY STRUCTURE

LUCKNOW, Dec. 24 (API)—Important decisions affecting the structure of the Socialist Party of India are likely to be taken at the forthcoming meeting of the National Executive of the party which is scheduled to meet here on December 29, 30 and 31.

PICK POCKET KILLS ONE AND INJURES TWO

AHMEDABAD Dec. 24, (A.P.I): Cornered in his bid to escape a pickpocket turned round and stabbed one of his pursuers to death and injured two others in Maneckchowk, a busy business locality of Ahmedabad last evening.

FOOD GRAIN IMPORTS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): The Government of India plans to import about 402,600 tons of food grains during the month ending January 20 1949 it is reliably learnt.

TRUMAN'S X'MAS EVE BROADCAST

MISSOURI, Dec. 24, (Reuter): President Truman pledged himself, in a Christmas eve broadcast talk, to continue working for world peace called on all people to rededicate themselves to this cause.

Britain Deplores Dutch Action

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constituted the pinnacle upon which negotiations broke down.

Evidently the announced intention of departure of Dr. Soekarno and his Ministers was not a reason for military action as Mr. L. N. Palar (Indonesian Republic representative at the Security Council) alleges, but it did constitute one of the facts which rendered it very improbable that a favourable answer could still be received.

Yet even then the Netherlands Government waited all night from December 17 to 18 to see whether a reply would still come."

"It was only when no reply or intimation of a reply had been received on the morning of December 18, and when the situation in Java was taking on an alarming aspect, that the final decision was taken for a purge of the Republican area by military means.

It is natural under the circumstances that the military leaders after the failure of negotiations on December 12, and before Dr. Hatta's letter of December 12 was received, had started taking precautions.

But I must insist with the greatest emphasis that the decision for military action was not taken by the Government until the morning of December 18 and that therefore no military action would ever have been taken if some message had been received before then which would, still have opened a possibility for successful negotiations."

"I must therefore strongly reject insinuations such as were made by the representative of the Republic of Indonesia that the Netherlands during all these months had been intending to launch a police action against the Republic. "To refute that allegation once and for all I need only say one more thing. "If my nation had really wished all along to subdue the Republic by military measures, can anyone doubt that we could have done so on every single day since August 4, 1947 when we stopped our police action at the request of the Council?"

"The United States representative has asked why, if violations of the truce agreement by the Republic have been so intensive and so persistent over a period of time, the Netherlands Government had not reported those violations directly to the Security Council before denouncing the Truce Agreement." "The reply is that the parties had agreed not to send direct reports to the Security Council but to avail themselves of the intermediary of the Committee of Good Offices.

VAN ROYEN BLAMES INDIA

Mr. Van Royen said that the delegate of India had condemned in sharp terms the action of the Netherlands, but yet he thought that the Indian delegate should be the first to understand the necessity for this action. He then proceeded to refer to Mrs. Pandit's speech on Hyderabad before the General Assembly in September last and argued that the situation in the Indonesian Republic was the same as obtained in Hyderabad before the Indian Government took action against Hyderabad.

Mr. Van Royen continued: "The undisciplined elements which necessitated the present action are utterly ruthless in the taking of reprisals and retaliatory acts. Now imagine what would happen if at present the Dutch troops should evacuate again the areas they have occupied. The consequences would be disastrous. "We of the Dutch Government are all striving for that for which the Council strives—an independent, free and democratic Indonesia."

FINAL RESOLUTION

After many amendments the final resolution, based on the United States original draft, as amended by the Australian suggestions, read: "The Security council, noting with concern the resumption of hostilities in Indonesia, and, having taken a note of the reports of the Committee of Good Offices, calls upon the parties, (A) to cease hostilities forthwith; (B) immediately to release the President (Dr. Soekarno) and other political prisoners arrested on December 18. Instruct the Committee of Good Offices to report to the security Council fully and urgently by telegraph on the events which have transpired in Indonesia since December 12, 1948; and to observe and report to the Security Council on the compliance with subparagraphs (A) and (B) above."

Mr. Van Royen said the change in the drafting proposed by the United States would not modify the fact that a new task was being imposed on the Committee of Good Offices. The very essence and nature of the Good Offices Committee implied that information should be offered and given with the consent of both parties. The Good Offices Committee was going to make certain proposals which might be entirely at variance with the wishes of one or both of the parties.

Mr. B. Desai (India) supported the Australian point of view.

The Council also took note of a request by Syria for a special meeting on Palestine to be called before Monday if urgent news is received from the acting mediator.

This followed an attempt by Faris Bey to get the Palestine question on the Agenda for an afternoon session today.

Colonel Hodgson (Australia) tried to get the Indonesian question on the agenda again on Monday.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

HAVE YOU OBTAINED YOUR CLOTH COUPONS?

For the convenience of the public, it has now been decided, to deliver cloth coupons from their foodgrains ration shops. Every week a group of shops in each Ward Rationing Area will be taken up for this purpose.

Delivery of coupons at the following shops will, therefore, commence from 27th December 1948 upto 1st January 1949.

Is your foodgrains Ration Shop No. in the list? If so, and if you have not yet obtained your cloth coupons, please obtain them when you draw your foodgrains rations during the week.

WORKING DAYS:—These shops will remain open from Monday, 27th December to Saturday, 1st January 1949.

TIME:—Working hours at these shops during the week will be:

Ration Shops.	Govt. Grain Shops	Co-operative and Communal Stores
8-30 A.M. to 11-30 A.M. and 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.	8-30 A.M. to 12 noon and 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.	Usual timings observed by these Stores.

Delivery of cloth coupons from Ward Offices has been suspended from 27th December, 1948.

LIST OF SHOPS.

A WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 9, 350, 351, 352, 512 and 513
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 1.
CO-OP. STORE—No. 70.

B WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 21, 37, 377, 382, 422, 481, 509, 554 and 559.

C WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 7, 8. 46, 47, 73, 379, 383, 494, 495 497 and 508.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 6.
COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 3 and 23.
CO-OP. STORES—Nos. 2, 46 and 101.

D WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 97, 101, 102, 140, 142, 156, 389 489 and 490.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 147, 177 and 181.
CO-OP. STORES—Nos. 97, 111 and 114.

E (EAST) WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 209, 220, 376, 443 and 471.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 128.
COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 28 and 59.

E (WEST) WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 107, 111, 138, 154, 224, 229 and 425.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 31, 66, 125 and 184.
COMMUNAL STORE—No. 66.
CO-OP. STORE—No. 75.

F (NORTH) WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 250 and 566.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 17.
COMMUNAL STORE—No. 26.
CO-OP. STORES—Nos. 6, 45 and 84.

F (SOUTH) WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 236, 237, 238, 265 and 279.
CO-OP. STORE—No. 113.

G (NORTH) WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 281, 282, 287, 293, 332, 359 361 and 432.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 235.
CO-OP. STORES—Nos. 4 and 58.

G (SOUTH) WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 297, 338, 405, 438, 484 and 534.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No 35.

BANDRA—RATION SHOPS—Nos. B/1 B/2 B/4, B/17 and B/18.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No 102.
COMMUNAL STORE—No.3.
CO-OP. STORE—No. 1.

PARLE-ANDHERI—RATION SHOPS—Nos. A/4, A/6, A/20, A/22 and A/26.
CO-OP. STORE—No. 23.

KURLA—RATION SHOPS—Nos. K/3, K/4, K/5, K/6 and K/10.

GHATKOPAR—RATION SHOPS—Nos. G/1 and G/2.

The Bombay Chronicle

The supreme vice is shallowness. Whatever is realized is right. —OSCAR WILDE.

DEADLOCK IN U. N.?

Two points insisted on by Dutch apologist on the Indonesian dispute are that the Republic is inclined to tolerate and even be influenced by Communist, and that there is downright coercion of the forces friendly to the Dutch in Indonesia by the Republicans. Both these charges are not only refuted but also thrown back on the Dutch by Mr. Atkinson, Information Officer of the London Indonesian Office, in a recent letter to the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE (European Edition). Mr. Atkinson who is answering a Dutch writer, observes: "There was a Communist insurrection in Java and it was stamped out by the Republican authorities.....the Dutch not only issued wildly exaggerated reports but actually gave shelter to the fleeing rebels...The reference to the non-Republican Indonesian States is significant No mention is made of the massacres which the Dutch initiated there, and no mention is made of Captain Westerling who led in the killing of 30,000 Indonesians in the Celebes, now a part of a non-Republican State. The Co-operation with the Dutch is mentioned, but the anti-democratic methods, the imprisonments, banning of organizations and newspapers, and the general reign of terror there is conveniently forgotten. "If further proof is needed, it is more than furnished by the fact that the Dutch aggression on the Indonesian Republic instead of, as the Dutch intended, intensifying pro-Dutch sympathies has actually caused greater estrangement between the Dutch and the Indonesians—even the Indonesians in the non-Republic States. How do the Dutch otherwise explain the resignations of the Dutch-sponsored Governments of East and West Java? Nor are these the only witnesses of Indonesian sympathy with the Republic. The Premier of East Indonesia, Anak Agung Gde Agung according to Nerdeka," the Information news journal of the Indonesian office at Delhi, declared last month in the East Indonesian Parliament that his Government would not follow any policy which might weaken the Republic's position; and the Parliament itself resolved that the Republic must be included in any interim Government. In the light of all this, it is ridiculous for the Dutch to persist in asserting that the majority of the Indonesians are with the Netherlands.

Under the procedural rules of the Security Council, a resolution which does not involve action but deals with a quasi-judicial matter, must have seven affirmative votes. An action resolution calls for seven votes of which five are cast by the permanent members. The Security Council's eleven members—the U.S.A. the U.S.S.R. Britain, France, China (permanent members), and Argentina, Canada and the Ukraine (till 1950); and Belgium, Colombia and Syria (replaced on January 1, 1949 by Norway, Cuba and Egypt)—are divided. The American resolution calling for a "cease-fire", a withdrawal to pre-assault positions and an inquiry into the responsibility for breaches of the truce, has the support of Colombia, Syria, China, Britain and Canada. France and Belgium have to deal with situations similar to that facing the Dutch in Indonesia, and the fellowship of Imperial Powers will assert itself Russia indicated that the American resolution does not go far enough and she had counter-proposals. The Ukraine naturally goes with Soviet Russia. Thus the fate of the American resolution hung on the slender thread of Argentine voting. And it is a matter for congratulation that the Argentine voted on the right side.

The Soviet stand is, without doubt, substantially right. The Australian spokesman Mr. Hodgson in an out-spoken speech has asked for the outright denunciation of the Netherlands as the aggressor and the Syrian delegate has undertaken to adopt the necessary amendment since Australia is not in the Security Council. But the Soviet proposal is essentially an "action" resolution which will need "Big Five" unanimity—and, even in the remote chance of Britain and the U. S. A. agreeing to action, France alone could veto it. In the circumstances, it was practical politics for the Russian delegate to permit the Security Council to vote against the Dutch aggression. A gesture of concession on this point might well serve to win over the American and other delegates to more vigorous action if and when the need for giving effect to U. N. condemnation of the Dutch arises. But insistence on a separate policy at this stage would have meant a blow for the Indonesian Republic and a strategic win for the Dutch imperialist.

Protection For Sugar

More than ordinary interest attaches to the conference held by the Tariff Board this week to consider the question of continuance of protection to the sugar industry. The sugar industry has received protection for the last sixteen years and there has been virtual cessation of import during the last eight or ten years. The industry has also been nourished and encouraged as well as regulated and controlled at various levels from the farm to the factory by several authorities. Provincial and Central. It has been recognised from the time protection was granted in 1932 that one of its objects is to assist agriculture through the cultivation of an important cash crop, namely, sugarcane. The development in the first few years of protection was phenomenal, but the industry soon afterwards faced problems of over-production and surplus which led to the establishment of the Indian Sugar Syndicate in order to maintain prices and restrict production. During the war years, the industry was subjected to control which was withdrawn a year ago, when this was done the industry, through the Indian Sugar Syndicate and in consultation with the Governments of U.P. and Bihar, raised the price of sugar from Rs. 20-14-0 to Rs. 35-7-0 per maund. There was widespread and strong public criticism of this undue increase in price as also of the manner in which the Central and Provincial Governments participated in the enormous realisation out of this price at the expense of the consumer. Protection to this industry, which has been extended from time to time expires at the end of March 1949, and the Tariff Board has been asked to enquire whether its continuance is necessary. While emphasising the national importance of the industry and the Government's policy to support and stand by an Indian industry, Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Tariff Board, rightly pointed out that Government and the public are entitled to ask whether the industry cannot now stand on its own legs after having enjoyed protection for nearly sixteen years, the last eight years of which have provided the industry with the added advantage of a closed market. It was also disclosed in the conference that the present view of the Government of India is that imports of sugar need not be permitted at present because there is sufficient domestic production to meet the requirements of the country and, in fact, there is a surplus which has created a problem of carry-over. Despite this ban on imports, however, the representatives of the manufacturs pressed for the continuation of the protective duty even on a higher level, on the ground that the ban may at any time be removed and that imports of sugar at lower prices, in however small a quantity, would prejudicially affect the interests of the sugar industry and throw out of gear the price structure. The representatives of the Provincial Governments also stated that any sudden withdrawal of imports would create a sense of insecurity not only in the sugar industry but also among some cultivators and may disturb the agricultural economy, particularly in U.P. and Bihar. Representatives of sugar merchants and consumer's representatives were extremely critical of the policy adopted by the Sugar Syndicate in regard to price and quotas of sugar.

It is evident that the sugar industry presents a picture which is by no means simple and the issues involved affect several interests from the cane cultivator to the sugar manufacturer and from the Provincial authorities to the final consumer. Many of these interests are divergent and even conflicting. There is no doubt that the sugar industry has benefited the cane cultivator, but, owing to a variety of causes, not enough has been done to improve the yield or the quality of the sugarcane. The development of the industry has also been lop-sided as it has been concentrated in the Provinces of U.P. and Bihar and there, too, it created problems of congestion of the Panel on the Sugar Industry observed, "the sugar industry is no longer a pioneering industry, and the elements of uncertainty and risk are not great now." New problems have been presented by the shrinkage of the domestic market owing to the partition of the country. The question of reduction in the cost of production of sugar, which is vital, is bound up with larger problems of agricultural improvement and reconstruction as well as provision of adequate manure and irrigation facilities. Numerous vested interests, official and otherwise, have been created under the shelter of the tariff wall. But fiscal protection alone cannot guarantee the healthy and all round development of the sugar industry. Without planned and co-ordinated action on the part of Central and Provincial authorities, industry and cultivators, the sugar industry in India cannot expect to maintain its position but must continue to be spoon-fed by Government and, therefore, suffer from disabilities and weaknesses which are unavoidable in such spoon-feeding.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UPA): Informed sources said today that the Administration has been cautiously weighing the possibility of cutting off all Marshall Plan aid to Holland to force Dutch troops out of Indonesia. "We might just be cutting off our nose to spite our face," said one official here.

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A second line, as deeply imbued with the spirit of Gandhiji as the few first rankers and which will not easily betray the Mahatma's principles for immediate personal gains, has yet to make its appearance, said Mr. B. G. Kher.

The trouble lies in building a second line which will remain a second line and not try to straggle into the first.

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"We shall probably never," said Col Hodgson of Autralia, "know why the Netherlands took this action in violation of their many pledges."

Possibly the Security Council does not want to know..

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Pakistan, it is reported, is recruiting Polish and Czech fliers in her air force instead of British. She fears that in the event of a clash with India British airmen and technicians will be withdrawn.

Of course, this is all purely by way of "strengthening her defences". By the way, has Sydney Cotton fallen into disfavour or are his rates too high?

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Certain inflationary conditions, said Mr. Ghulam Mohammad, Pakistan's Finance Minister, were inherited by Pakistan at the time of partition; and those conditions "more or less continue to prevail."

Hereditary traits seldom die out, at least not for generations. But incidentally, on partition, one surely does not "inherit"; one carries away.

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Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru deplored the lifeless and dull manner in which most history books today were written.

Why blame the historian? Compared to the hectic present, the past looks dull and lifeless. After all, we are in the age of the Atom Bomb, of soaring prices and—well, you know what and what not.

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Presiding over the Indian Commerce Conference, Prof. M. K. Ghosh of Allahabad University implored the Government not to commit "economic suicide on a national scale" by spurning the hands of friendship extended by private enterprise.

Would this not come under the international agreement on genocide? Mr. Ghosh's subtle use of the word "hands" instead of the singular should not be missed. With both hands stretched in friendship, Private Enterprise naturally can do little else. Hence, the suspicion that Capitol, another name for Private Enterprice, is "shy".

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The U. P. Labour Commissioner has created a problem in his definition of "workmen" in a sugar factory all persons who are employed in connection with a sugar factory, or through a contractor either casually or regularly, are workmen and, as such, entitled to bonus.

Does the U. P. Labour Commissioner not come under the definition?

City Corporation: Week By Week

BY "CITIZEN"

Another week has passed without the Municipal Corporation being able to clear out even a single item from the accumulated work on its series of agenda for the past six or seven months. The House did not meet on Monday and when it met on Thursday it had to adjourn on account of the death of a sitting member Mr. K. M. Rathod who passed away the same morning. The death roll among the city fathers seems to be going up. While the first year of the new Corporation is not yet over, the House has lost two of its members. The first loss was suffered by the Congress Party in the death of Mr. K. F. Nariman. This time it has been the turn of the Scheduled Caste Federation Group, who lost their representative from the Mazagaon Ward. The late Mr. Rathod had been in indifferent health ever since he entered the Corporation, and this prevented him from taking much active interest in the work. He spoke on a couple of occasions, one of them being the debate on the police firing on the municipal sweepers when they were on strike. His nighflown Gujrati and his feeling reference to the old woman Bhani Jethi, who was the victim of a police bullet, impressed the House for their evident note of sincerity.

On the same day the Corporation paid tributes to an ex-member and ex-chairman of the Schools Committee Dr. R. K. Shirodkar, M.L.A. One of the few educationists of this city, Dr. Shirodkar had devoted his life to the education of the poorer classes and was the founder and organiser of one of the institutions in the north of the city doing useful work for providing secondary education to the working class population. That institutions has been literally orphaned because of the death of its founder and it will take long to fill the void thus created.

Having done hardly any work during the last ten days, the Corporation has once again adjourned for the Christmas week and will meet again only in early January. If there is any idea of clearing the piles of work before the House it will have to think of additional meetings every week or even night sessions, otherwise there is a danger of the House losing interest in the agenda and especially in the many suggestions made by the members in the large number of notices of motions which have been hanging fire for months on end.

Purveyors Of Disease

A question that has attracted considerable attention from the press this week is the unsatisfactory and unhygienic conditions in the hundreds of eating houses and restaurents spread all over the city. The Health Department of the Municipality seems to have at least realised the danger to the health of the city in allowing many of these houses to carry on their work in the manner they have been doing. These have been rightly described as death dealers and purveyors of disease. The number of citizens who are compelled to depend for their food on these eating houses is computed variously between half a million and million. That is quite natural in the present conditions of acute housing shortage. Thousands of middle class people working in city's offices and workers in factories cannot afford to keep their families in the city for the sheer inability of finding any accommodation. These for both their meals have to depend on the eating houses while thousands of others who have to be away from their homes during day time have to depend for the midday meal on the same establishments. The conditions prevailing in most of these eating places, are literally awful. The dirt and the unhygienic manner in which food is cooked and served is a standing disgrace to the city which is fast losing its reputation for cleanliness. How to put a stop to this must be one of the major questions before the Health Department and it is good that it has begun to look into the matter. But if it stops at only issuing a few bulletins and asking the proprietors of these eating places not to keep both the eyes on profit, but to reserve one of them for the health of the people they serve, there can be no hope of much improvement. What is needed is drastic revision of laws and rules regulating supply of cooked food in the city and since that will take some time, as an immediate measure proper enforcement of the rules which at present are in vogue.

Corruption In Municipal Service

It is the unfortunate experience of the citizens and especially of those interested in civic problems that in the first place the rules and bye-laws in almost every field where the Municipality has to protest and safeguard the interests of the common man from the vested interests, are either too outmoded and do not suit the new conditions, or even if they are good enough to serve the purpose there is no machinary for their proper enforcement. And here one must say that corruption is not at all absent from the municipal administration. In fact a close scrutiny would reveal that it is as rampant there as it is in any other Government or semi-Government institutions. Unless something is done to put a check to it, not much improvement can be expected. One wonders if the establishment of an Anti-Corruption Branch, specially employed to keep the municipal administration on the right path, will not be helpful. At any rate the experiment would be worth trying and if the Corporation spends some money on it and avails itself of the services of the city police the expenditure will certainly go a long way in cleaning the administration of corrupt and unsocial elements whose existence cannot be denied by any one.

Establish Model Eating Houses

But apart from improving the rules and bye-laws, enforcing the laws and rules that at present exist and efforts

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Thakkar Bapa's Plea

Mr. A. V. Thakkar, in his article which we published in our issue of Friday, has emphasized the need for the Government of India to direct much more of its attention than it has done so far to the upliftment of the backward classes who constitute a very large section of the population of this country. He pleads that the welfare of these classes should be a special charge of the Central Government. Most of the provincial administrations, whose financial resources are taxed to the utmost may not be able to undertake any large-scale schemes for the rapid general upliftment of the backward communities. As Mr. Thakkar observes, it is unfortunate that the new draft constitution of India does not make primary education a fundamental right of the people, but merely directs that the introduction of compulsory primary education shall be a principle of State policy. If primary education had been made a fundamental right of the citizen all the administrations in the country would have been bound to introduce five or ten year programmes to secure the attendance of all the children of school-going age in educational institutions, within the stated periods.

Wanted A Gokhale

Even poor countries like Turkey not to mention originally backward Russia, resorted to heroic measures to raise the level of literacy within comperatively brief periods. It is to be hoped that circumstances will permit the Central as well as Provincial administrations to launch, as early as possible, nation-wide schemes to introduce compulsory primary education throughout the country. Plans for the social and economic upliftment of the backward communities need also to be drawn up and co-ordinated with a view to their early execution so as to enable these communities to raise themselves to the level of the advanced communities. The problem should not be tackled piece-meal, but as a co-ordinated whole and that can be done only by the Central administration. The task of introducing compulsory education throughout the country as soon as possible is a stupendous one. But where there is a will, there is always a way. Mr. Thakkar feels that only a Gokhale reborn can do this work and says that "there does not seem to be any administration in sight, so devoted and sincere as to go in for this one solid reform of universal education." It would, indeed, be a tragic irony if what Gokhale heroically attempted to do in a subject India is not achieved in a free India.

A Duty Undone

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund, points out that though it is ten months since the Fund was started, progress in collections has been very slow and indeed, disappointing. This is specially deplorable because Congressmen predominate in Provincial Committees formed for collecting the Funds. Congressmen, as a class, have failed in carrying out their duty and Dr. Rajendra Prasad is not wrong when he says that the reason for the slow progress of the Fund is that Congress organisations and Congressmen as a whole have not devoted time and attention necessary for the purpose. The industrialists, who promised to raise Rs. 5 crores from amongst themselves, have already collected over Rs. 3 crores. But Gandhi Memorial Fund should be swelled more with the rupees and tens of rupees of the poor than from the thousands and lakhs of the rich. The poorer people would be glad to pay but they must be approached in the proper way. It is not yet too late—the Fund closes in February next year—for Congress organizations and Congressmen to make up for their past neglect of duty.

Students And Literacy Campaign

Presiding over the annual social gathering of the Bharatiya Bhavan's Arts College and Institute of Science, at Andheri on Thursday, Dr. Gilder referred to the immense and splendid opportunities which India's younger generation now has of serving her people. Apart from providing food and clothing, the most urgent problem facing the Governments and people of this country is that of removing the appalling illiteracy of the overwhelming majority of the people. In solving this problem, the students, who pass out of our educational institutions, can contribute a great deal. Dr. Gilder said that if every student voluntarily devoted a short period after his college career to teach some illiterate persons, illiteracy could be eradicated within a short time. India of tomorrow belongs to the students of today. Her progress, prosperity and greatness will depend largely on the success that may be achieved in removing the great handicap of illiteracy.

Conditions For Peace

The Government of India is reported to have communicated its views on the U. N. Commission's plebiscite proposal for Kashmir. The Indian position is crystal clear: A fair and free plebiscite could not be expected unless the raiders withdrew from Kashmir territory. It is rather curious to speak of a "cease-fire" in Kashmir in view of the fact that an outside force has dug itself in and cannot be budged whilst India is hedged in by U. N. requirements. The United Nations Good Offices Commission has made it obvious that Pakistan is actively engaged in stirring up serious trouble against the established Government of Kashmir. Before anything else can be desired, the U. N. must insist on the Pakistan forces withdrawing and on Pakistan ceasing to instigate raiders and to arm them. Till this is done, we fail to see how the United Nations can raise other issues with the Government of India. If the U. N. is unable to do bare justice in this matter then let it frankly admit it and leave India to her task of clearing Kashmir of all raiders. There is no point in beating about the bush. Either the U.N. can act on the appeal made to it by India or it cannot. It is time that a straight answer on this point was sought from the United Nations.

The First Step

The suspension of the operation rights of the Dutch airline by India and Pakistan, and Ceylon's earlier refusal to serve ships and planes carrying men or arms for use against the Indonesian Republic is a welcome step. The actions by the three Dominions has led to the cancellation of the KLM service which had evidently hoped to find a weak spot in one of the three linking points between Holland and the Indies. Students demonstrations have been staged in Rangoon, and Australian dockers in Sydney resolved on a boycott of all Dutch ships trading between Australian ports and the ports of the Netherlands East Indies. The Dutch have hinted that, if the United Nations calls for the 'status quo', the Netherlands will ignore it. This is easier said than done; but how will the Dutch cope with the situation that has arisen in all the countries neighbouring her East Indies? It should not be forgotten that this is but the first move. It would be far better to submit now to world opinion than to be forced to a submission by the rising temper of the peoples of the world.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Price Of Cocoanut Oil

Sir,—Cocoanut oil forms one of the essentials of life to the middle and lower classes in particular as an edible and toiletory requisite. The trade as usual is interested in profits rather than people and after decontrol of this commodity the traders remain unchecked to follow their policy to their own advantage without concern for the less fortunate of their countrymen who are groaning under the economic burden forced by the present high cost of living. Government are keenly interested in bringing about a scaling down of the unreasonable prices in all essential commodities and have wisely re-imposed control on a variety of them. It is highly desirable that effective measures be adopted as regards cocoanut oil also to make it within reach of the masses and thereby afford them some quantum of relief. May we soon see the price of Rs 28 a quarter come down to its former level of Rs. 14 a quarter or even less.—Yours etc.

"PUBLIC OPINION"

Prize Bonds

Sir,—In the results of the half yearly draws for prize in connection with the five-year interest-free prize bonds 1949 published in the local news papers, there is a list of prizes drawn at the previous draws but not claimed upto the 1st December, 1948. There are big prizes viz: two of Rs. 50,000 each and eight of Rs. 20,000 each; not to speak of the minor prizes ranging from Rs. 250 to Rs. 5,000. One desires to know as to what the Government contemplates about dealing with such unclaimed prizes. Why should the Government not draw again these unclaimed prizes amongst the prize bond holders? At any rate the public and particularly the prize bond holders ought to be informed as to how the Government intends to dispose of these unclaimed prizes.—Yours etc.

"A PRIZE BOND HOLDER"

Prohibition

Sir,—I very much wish that the article published in your valuable weekly dated 19th Dec. under the title Madras has not abolished the Drink Evil' is reprinted and sent to the various Governments and Prohibition workers for special attention. Mr. Hare Nasg is right in saying that the people have been betrayed in that the Drink demon has been sent in by another door and in another guise. The pity of it is that the very prohibitionists have begun 'to sing hallelujahs to it'—the now fashionable twine, coffee and tea. Coffee and tea ruin the health of the growing children and the coming generations. They may be slow poisons, but they are working insidiously and so dangerous to health. This will be quite plain to those who compare the health of the family of the coffee drinkers of the towns and that of the villagers among the adults of whom you may have many toddy drinkers. The present move of the Governments of replacing toddy by coffee and tea is really a more ruinous move. Will the Governments and the prohibitionists become alive to this?—Yours, etc.

L. KAMESVARA SARMA.

Malad, Dec. 22.

The Presidential Address

Sir,—The 59-page speech of the Congress President delivered at Jaipur recently deserves close study. The speech should be published in a book form and supplied at nominal cost to all the libraries, colleges and other literary institutions. It is an infallible guide to the student of politics and Constitutional Law. It serves as an invaluable lexicon for the future historians and directory writers.

It reviews the entire position of India since the attainment of its Independence in a language studded with beautiful similes and phrases. His masterly diction and the lucid analysis of the current affairs deserve scrumptious praise. It is exhaustive, instructive and interesting throughout, touching all the aspects.

I have therefore carefully preserved the copy of your 'daily' containing his address.—Yours, etc.

—AN ADMIRER.

Injustice To Homeopaths

Sir,—With reference to the article on Homeopathy in Bombay, which appeared in your issue dated 2nd instant, I am induced to give out my own views by endorsing the views of Dr. V. V. Athalye, who is a distinguished member of western India Homeopathic Medical Association and is a great asset to Homeopathic Brotherhood.

Very great injustice has been done to all Homeopaths by the Health Ministry of Government of India in ignoring the legitimate rights of representations on Enquiry Committee of Government of India recently appointed for homeopathy.

The members of the said committee, as published in the press, are mostly Allopathic Doctors, who have taken to Homoeopathy as secondary vocation, in no sense can they be considered to be qualified genuine homeopaths. Having not taken up their homeopathic courses from any recognised homeopathic college or university established in foreign countries or from similar institutions in India and thus genuine homeopaths from all the provinces of India have been ignored. The allopathic oligarchy is already in existence throughout India, because allopaths are in majority in the whole country, where they seem to be out to exploit all medical fields by interfering with all medical sciences like ayurvedic, homeopathic unani, etc. which should be left alone, if the independent, satisfactory growth and progress of any such science in India is desired. Government's sacred duty is to catalogue anomalies in the medical fields only without doing injustice to any party, like Ayurvedic, Homeopathic and Unani, etc., as freedom in medicine is an important problem in the general interests of the suffering public, and medical service should never become a branch of civil service.

Allopaths being in majority seem to desire to drink water of all the wells themselves alone by preventing other persons from working in the medical fields, which seem to have been reserved for themselves only. A recent illustration of the short sightedness and narrow mindedness of Bombay Medical Council will be quite enough for the public knowledge that the Council has requested the Bombay Government's Health Minister Dr. Gilder, to stop all medical practitioners other than allopaths to utilise the title of doctor before their names of monpolising that particular word "doctor" for allopaths only, who are today out to exploit the medical fields of India by interfering with allied medical systems, without knowing A. B. C. of those systems.

Homeopathy and homeopaths in Bombay are already put to greatest humiliation and it was all due to allopathic oligarchy's prejudicial intereference and to splits and cliques among homeopaths and homeopathic organisations of Bombay and hence today, the situation calls homeopaths to join hands in earnest with consolidated and concentrated unity to fight for their legitimate rights.—Yours, etc.

RASIK R. THAKAR,
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Homeopathic medical Association,
Kandivli.

Bombay.

S.S.C.E. Board Syllabus

Sir,—The printed outline of subjects as decided upon by the Board for presentation at the Secondary School Certificate Examination (in the place of University Matriculation Examination) and circulated to all schools suffers from three obvious defects. Almost without exception all the educationists—including the framers of the Abbot and Wood Report and the Sargent Scheme—are agreed upon the fundamental principle that at least so far as the school education is concerned, it should be given through the medium of the mother tongue. It appears very strange, therefore, that the Board has nowhere laid it down categorically that it shall be so. It has given merely an option to the student to answer most of the papers in the mother tongue which hardly goes far enough. No objection would have been raised from any reasonable quarter if instruction through the medium of the mother tongue had been made compulsory. Secondly Hindustani—or Hindi—finds no place in the curriculum. It is one of the strangest of surprises. When Government is reported to be thinking of conducting official correspondence in the National Language in the near future, it is surprising that the Board has seen no necessity of teaching it in the upper classes of schools Thirdly the Gandhian concept of basic and craft teaching has been given a short shrift. No school would take to the teaching of crafts seriously in the lower basic classes if the subject is not made compulsory in the upper classes and for presentation at the S. S. C. examination. It is hoped Government would take the educational world into confidence and clarify as to why this has so happened in spite of the fact that it sought advice from some half a dozen Committees appointed for the purpose.—Yours, etc.

A. L. MAZMUDAR.

Bombay, December 17.

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Birds which nest in colonies, and which roost together in large numbers are very conservative and generally make use of the same tree year after year, returning to it every evening after the long day's hunting for food in the field or on the seashore, and, in nesting time, either repairing the same old nests or building new ones still in the same tree. In the cyclone, many of these old mango or tamorind trees were blown down, and it was an interesting sight to watch the consternation among the Paddy Birds and Egrets, as they flew back to their sleeping quarters, to find that their chosen tree had disappeared. With excited cries they flew round and round, obviously trying to readjust themselves to their changed circumstances; then they investigated first one and then another of the trees in the vicinity which had weathered the storm until at last they found one which would satisfactorily take the place of their lost home. When the nesting season comes, there will be great activity again for they will all be obliged to build completely new nests instead of merely making repairs as they are often able to.

D. R.

ELPHINSTONE AND NATIONAL MEDICAL COLLEGES DOMINATE MIXED DOUBLES

Bombay Inter-College Tennis

BOMBAY, Friday.

It was a field day for the Elphinstone and Roval Institute of Science today, when the Inter-College Tennis Tournament of the Bombay University were continued.

Both the pairs from the E.C. & R.I.Sc. won their mixed doubles matches very easily. Miss Kundaji played brilliantly and she was mainly instrumental in bringing about the downfall of the second string of the St. Xavier's for whom Miss Rutty Vakil and Jimmy Umrigar tried their level best. But Mallapur and Miss Kndaji would not be denied the straight-game victory. Serving very accurately Miss Kundaji followed up her services with some extremely fine fore-hand drives. This takes the Elphinstone pair in the semi-final where they meet the first pair of the Grant Medical College.

Once again later in the evening the Elphinstonians registered another victory to enter the other semi-final in the same event. This time their second pair Miss Ramola Bhandare and Pratap Singh scored a deserving but a most unexpected one over a much stronger pair—at least on paper—the G.S.M. 'A' team which comprised of Miss Nirmala Gopaldas and V. R. Mehta. In a two-game match the women players were seen to take advantage and on numerous occasions as they provided the few spectators with rally after rally of excellent fore-hand drives that did actually put to shame their male partners. They completely stole the honours of the match. And to the credit of Miss Gopaldas it must be said that she was practically playing a lone-hand against her opponents, while her opponent Miss Bhandare received very useful support from her partner Pratap Singh.

Both the teams of the National Medical College also registered victories for their College. Their first string, Dalal and Miss Patwardhan getting the better of the Ruia 'A' in three well-contested games. Their second pair, Jain and Miss Nazareth were taken over the extra games in the initial set, but they did not experience any difficulty in the second one which Jain and his partner captured. They surrendered only two games in this set to their opponents Miss Pilloo Billimoria and Russi Umrigar who were playing for the second pair of the St. Xavier's College.

In a very dull and prolonged game, in which comparatively four mediocre players were the participants, the G M.C. 'A' team, after losing the first set to the Miss Meera Parmanand and Laheji of the 'B' team of the G.S.M College, won the remaining two games.

The following are the results:—

MIXED DOUBLES

Nat. Med. 'B' (Miss Nazareth and Jain) beat St. Xavier's 'A' (Miss Pilloo Billimoria and R.K. Umrigar), 8-6, 6-3; G.M.C 'A' (Miss Maki Chinoy and Shahani) beat G.S.M. 'B' (Miss Meera Parmanand and Laheji), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; E.C. & R.I.Sc. 'B' (Miss Ramola Bhandare and Pratap Singh beat G.S.M 'A' (Miss Nirmala Gopaldas), 6-2, 6-3; Nat. Med. 'A' (Miss Patwardhan and Dalal) beat Ruia 'A' (Miss Jadhav and A. N. Other), 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; E. C. & R.I.Sc. 'A' (Miss Kundaji and Mallapur) beat St. Xavier's 'B' (Miss Rutty Vakil and J. K. Umrigar), 6-2, 6-4.

National Lawn Tennis

FURTHER PROGRESS MADE AT CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24, (API): Quality tennis has not yet emerged in the National Lawn Tennis Championships being played here. On one side the the Men's singles have been played up to the quarter finals stage, but some leeway has to be made up in the other half. Interest is expected to quicken only when the last eight are reached.

The following are the results of matches played today:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Balwant Singh beat M. M. Sabharwal 6/1 6/4. Narendranath beat M. V. G. Apparao 6/0 6/0. N. Rama Rao beat B. K. Ghose 6/1 6/3 Douglas Stilliard beat S. P. Chopra 6/1 6/3.

JUNIOR'S SINGLES

Rajeswar Kumar beat S. Achuthan Nair 6/1 6/0 R. K. Lakshamanan beat P. K. Chaudhuri 6/2 6/0 George Commen beat S. Bose 6/0 7/5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Vishnu Mohan and G. Narayan beat K. B. Madan and N. Kumar 6/2 6/4. Dilip K. Bose and Narendra Nath beat S. Arakie and A. Arakie 6/0 6/3 W. H. S. Michelmore and J. E. Tew beat Ivan Alexy and M. Leeming 7/5 6/2.

Mahindar Singh and J. A. Withnell beat P. K. Ray and R. Banerjee 6/1 5/7 6/2 P. N. Murti and C. E. Cargin beat Edward Abrecht and H. G. Dutt 6/3 6/1.

JUNIOR'S DOUBLES

B. R. Basavraj and Kamal K. Singh beat Dinesh Mohan and S. Bose 6/3 6/4.

MIXED DOUBLES

N. Rama Rao and Miss L. Woodbridge beat P. N. Murti and Mrs. C. E. Cargin 8/6 6/3 Vishnu Mohan and Miss V. Alexy beat J. E. Tew and Mrs. Tew 6/2 6/4 J. M. Kantawalla, and Miss P. Khanna beat W. H. S. Michelmore and Mrs. Michelmore 6/4 6/0.

W. Bengal Governor's XI To Meet West Indies

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The West Bengal Governor's XI, which will meet the West Indies cricket team here on December 26, 27, and 28, will consist of the following players:—

K. Bose, S. Mushtaq Ali, S. Banerjee (Bihar), B. B. Nimbalkar, R. B. Nimbalkar, N Chatterji, B. N. Katju, P. B. Dutt. P. Royen, N. Chowdhury, S. K. Girdhari. Twelfth man—B. Frank. Reserves:—P. Chatterji, Sunil Banerji and S. Mustafi.

P. E Palia who was expected to captain the team will not be able to play for reasons of health. The captain will be selected later.

Ramji Memorial Match Ends In Draw

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The three-day Ramji memorial match between Gujarat Eleven and Patiala Eleven ended in a draw to-day. Soon after resumption Patialia's first inning came to a close after they had added twelve runs to their overnight total of 160.

Patiala were made to follow on and declared their second innings at 275 for 5 wickets.

At close of play, Gujarat had made 60 for 2 wickets.

CEYLON HEADING FOR VICTORY

INTER-'VARSITY CRICKET

COLOMBO. Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Ceylon University were placed in a strong position in their match against Nagpur University in the Inter-University Cricket Championship at the end of the second day's play here today.

When the game was resumed today, Ceylon carried their first innings ovenight score of 166 for 3 to 296 all out. The Fernando Thambiah's fourth wicket stand realised 160 runs collected in 98 minutes, adding 46 more to the 116 collected yesterday. Fernando incidentally became top scorer for Ceylon with a breezy knock of 95 with the aid of 8 fours while Thambiah's steady innings ended when he was 78 including 7 fours.

S. A. Rahim captured 5 wickets for 67 and G. D. Misra 4 for 88.

Nagpur batsmen, showing improved form hit up 227 in their second innings before stumps were drawn for the day. R. Narsimhan carried the batting honours with a patient innings of 62, including 8 fours, while other useful contributions came from G. D. Misra 43 P. Y. Padhye 29 and Y. K. Sahu 24 S. M. Moujood once again bowled well for Ceylon claiming 5 wickets for 50 R. Weerakoon took 4 for 63.

Ceylon, enjoying the first innings lead of 105 are now set to make only 123 for victory with all wickets in tact and a day's play at their disposal tomorrow.

SCORES:

NAGPUR (First Innings) 191
CEYLON (First Innings) 296

S. J. Thamiah 78, C. D. L. Fernando 95, Weerakoon 34, S. M. Moujood (not out) 26 S. A. Rahim 5 for 67 and G. D. Misra 4 for 88).

NAGPUR (Second Innings) 227

R. Narimham 62, G. D. Misra 43 P. Y. Padhye (not out) 29 Y. K. Sahu 24 (S. M. Maujood 5 for 50, R. Weerakoon 4 for 63.)

SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET

Centuries By Morris And Ridings

MELBOURNE, Dec. 24 (Reuter): A fighting fifth-wicket-stand by Arthur Morris, the Test left-handed opening batsman, and J. Burke rescued New South Wales on the first day of their Sheffield Shield match against Victoria here after four wickets had crashed for 41.

At the close of play New South Wales were 3-6 for six, Morris having scored 177 and Burke 69.

The early havoc was caused on a very fast wicket by Bill Johnston, H. Lambert and Sam Loxton, whose final figures for the day were three for 95, one for 15 and two for 40 respectively.

When the wicket lost its fire the bowlers toiled unavallingly for a long stretch in sultry heat.

Eighteen-year-old Burke, playing in his third game for New South Wales in his first season with them, stonewalled for nearly four hours.

Morris, the heaviest scorer in Australia this season, batted with textbook perfection for just over five hours, placing his shots cleverly and hitting 18 fours.

Recovering well after losing halt their wickets for 163. South Australia brought their score to 321 for eight by close of play on the first day of their Sheffield Shield match against Queensland at Adelaide.

Their Captain. Phil Ridings, scored a solid 109 although suffering from a fractured finger, and Bruce Dooland made a meritorious 60 not out.

South Australia's early batsmen repeated the mistake made against New South Wales of attempting to hook short rising balls with fatal results. Queensland's attack was not impressive.

A Carrigan's three wickets for 80 runs were taken with balls which might have been hit to the fence and McCool's bowling, though steady was without venom. He claimed two for 68.

Govind Swami (Signals) who was first in the High Jump with 5 feet 7 inches.

Sudden Rise Of Gonzales

UNITED STATE'S NUMBER ONE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (Reuter): If Richard Gonzales, the latest American tennis "star," plays at Wimbeldon next year, centre court crowds will see a youngster with a most refreshing personality.

Gonzales—"Pancho" to his friends—is only 19, but in the space of one season he has forged his way right to the top of the United States ranking list from the 17th position he occupied in 1947.

His game is constructed on orthodox lines, but like nearly all Californian players (he was born in Los Angeles of Mexican parentage) he serves powerfully and his speedy strokes show how well he has learned his lessons on the cement courts which abound in that state, and which abound in the opinion of many the best surface for modern first-class tennis.

But more interesting is Gonzales outlook on the game. There is none of the frenzied determination to win, seen often in a first-class match. He in fact plays with almost nonchalant air, ever ready to smile and acknowledge his opponents good shots and is completely at ease throughout.

The ranking list shows how well America is off for up and coming players and her stranglehold on tennis honours in 1949 is likely to be as complete as it was this year.

For the first time Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont heads the womens list by reason of her victory over Wimbledon champion Miss Lewis Brough in the United States singles final.

CATHOLIC GYM. BEATEN

Mazagaon Docks Win Hockey League

BOMBAY, Friday.

Young Comrades 'A' gained a narrow victory against Catholic Gymkhana in the first division match on B.P.H.A ground. They won by the odd goal in three.

Catholic Gymkhana though holding a territorial advantage but Young Comrades went into lead with a goal scored off a penalty corner by S. D'Souza. Young Comrades crossed over with a goal advantage. Catholic Gymkhana tried desperate to get the equalizer but poor positioning and bad passing caused their downfall. Towards the end bad feeling crept into the game, but even the referee failed to warn anyone, the greatest offender was Constance Rodrigues who hit wildly without the ball in hand.

Young Comrades transferred play and missed a chance of going ahead when the goalie of the Catholic Gymkhana was beaten and the ball hit the upright only to be cleared out of play. But soon afterwards G. Noronha scored the second goal for Young Comrades. Catholic Gymkhana reduced the margin a few minutes before the end. When Rozario centered and N. D'Mello scored.

In the earlier game Mazagaon Docks beat Brothers H.C. by a solitary goal scored by J. D'Lima ten minutes before time.

RUIA HOLD XAVIERS

Inter-College Hockey League

BOMBAY, Friday.

St. Xavier's College were surprised this evening in their Inter-Collegiate League encounter when Ruia College held them to a goalless draw.

Ruia College were lucky to avoid defeat as St. Xavier's had numerous scoring opportunities but Vaidya, the Ruia custodian, saved time and again some impossible shots.

Burma Asks Pakistan For Amateur Boxing Contests

KARACHI, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The Burma Amateur Boxing Federation has requested the secretary of the Pakistan Olympic Association to arrange if possible a Pakistan Burma Amateur Boxing Contest to take place somewhere in Pakistan.

The request has been passed on to the secretary of Pakistan Boxing Federation at Lahore.

STUDENTS AND SOCIAL SERVICE

Dr. Gilder's Exhortation To Collegians

(From Our Correspondent)

ANDHERI, Dec. 24:

"The students of today are the torch-bearers of future India and the prestige of the country rests in their hands. With this ideal in view, they should shape their character" declared Dr M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health, presiding over the third social gathering of the Meghji Mathuradas College at Andheri last night. Continuing Dr Gilder said that college career was the most fruitful and enjoyable part of a man's life. He had himself spent no less than 14 years in college which he thoroughly enjoyed. Students of today had better opportunities to serve their country, particularly in the field of social service. As 85 per cent of the Indian population lived in villages and were illiterate, they could go to them and teach them the rudiments of the three R's. If they became doctors and nurses, the villagers had greater need for them. Government on their part would give them every encouragement and assistance in the work of spreading literacy and giving medical relief. The Minister wished the college a bright future.

Unveiling the portrait of Mr. K. M. Munshi, the founder and President of the College Society, Dr. Gilder paid a tribute to Mr. Munshi for his political, educational and cultural activities for over two decades.

Earlier, Mr. V. N. Bhushan, the Principal of the college, reviewed the progress made by the college during the short space of three years. They had already a full-fledged college teaching in some subjects of both arts and science, the highest courses of the Bombay University. They had built a permanent hostel for girl students with accommodation for 40 students. Their Library had now a home of its own, both of which were declared open by the Prime Minister only last month. On the academic side, the results at the various examinations were satisfactory. The extra-mural activities of the college like the college mock-parliament, the English Athenaeum, the science seminar, the Uttarayan, the Hindi Sangh, the Marathi Mandal, the Gujarati Samsad, the Sadhana Mandal, the Fine Arts Circle, the Kautilya (History and Economic Association) and the Saumitra (Hostel Students' Association) were all active during the year and contributed greatly to the popularity of the College.

West Indian Cricketers Arrive In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24 (API): The West Indies cricket team arrived here this morning by Bombay mail from Nagpur.

They were met at the station by the officials of the Bengal Cricket Association and John Goddard, their captain and D. Lacy, the team's manager, who had arrived in Calcutta earlier.

John Trim, who was suffering from a mild attack of chicken pox also travelled by the same train. He will be isolated from the team for four or five days.

17 R.S.S. VOLUNTEERS ARRESTED IN CITY

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Bombay city police took into custody in the course of the day today in all 17 R.S.S. volunteers in the city and suburbs.

With the arrest of only seventeen R.S.S. "boys", the city police tonight expressed the view that the "satyagraha campaign" launched by R.S.S. in Bombay has dwindled to an insignificant degree, and it is a matter of a few days for this so-called movement fade away completely from this city", the police said. Although the movement has been dwindling in the past few days, the police are alert and promptly arrest anyone who tries to defy the ban imposed on R.S.S. organisation.

Since there is absolutely no public support for their cause, even its nuisance value will disappear altogether, according to police sources.

Morarka Whittled Down Alleged Bribe To Police

AMOUNT REDUCED FROM 5 LAKHS TO 1 LAKH

BOMBAY, FRIDAY.

THE CONTINUED EXAMINATION OF CROWN WITNESS, NUSSERWANJI MANEKJI KALYANWALA IN THE CASE AGAINST MR. GOKULCHAND MORARKA, A CITY MAGNATE IN THE COURT OF MR. K. J. KHAMBATTA, PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE TODAY REVEALED THAT THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE ALLEGED BRIBE "DEMANDED" BY INSPECTOR MIRANDA OF THE ANTI-CIRRUPTION BRANCH WAS WHITTLED DOWN BY MORARKA, FROM RS. FIVE LACS TO RS. 1 LAC.

The crown witness stated that Miranda told him on April 30, 1948, that he would talk to Morarka when the latter would come to see him at the A.C.B. Office that day. Witness was requested by Miranda to see him the following day at about 4 p.m.

On the same day Morarka put through a trunk call to the residence of the witness at Kalyan inquiring whether witness had seen Miranda on the previous evening and what he had done in the matter. Kalyanwala replied that Miranda would like talk to the accused as appointed. Morarka asked witness to go along with him and the latter agreed.

Later Kalvanwala stated that he had put through a trunk call from Kalyan to Morarka at the Apollo Mills; but as he was not at the office, witness put through another call to the Sholapur Mills where he contacted the accused, and told him that he would not be able to go to the A.C.B. office. Morarka pressed witness to keep company with him for the appointment, finally asking witness to phone Miranda and inform him that accused would go there alone. Witness did this, but Miranda requested him to go to the A.C.B.; if it was possible for him to do so.

AT A.C.B.

When witness went to the A.C.B at about five that evening, Miranda and the accused were seated on a settee in the Deputy Commissioner's office, and asking both parties to talk over the matter of the bribe, witness left the room. After about half or three-quarters of an hour Miranda came to witness who was seated outside and informed him that he (Miranda) had asked for a first instalment of Rs. 5 lacs and that as accused did not agree Miranda had reduced the amount of the instalment to Rs. 3 lacs, had brought it down to Rs. 2 lacs, ultimately agreeing to Rs. 1 lac.

While leaving the A.C.B. office witness met Morarka who informed him that he had had a talk with Miranda After this witness took no part in the negotiations. On May 3 Morarka phoned Kalyanwala at the latter's residence and informed him that arrangements for the paying of the bribe were nearing completion.

With reference to Accused of No II Damjibhai Jethabhai Shah, witness stated that he had seen him at the A.C.B. office on May 4, when witness had gone there in connection with the Excise Conspiracy Case in which witness was involved. Damjibhai was with Morarka talking to Miranda in the Deputy Inspectors' room.

Witness further stated that on May / a phone call had come through to his resilence when he was away. The call was received by his brother. Jhangir who relayed it to him. It was about the arrest of Morarka on a bribery charge. The following morning witness read the account of the arrest in he newspapers.

Earlier, during the examination of witness, Mr. Ghasvala, Counsel for Morarfia, objected to the recuring as evidence of the bill received by witness for the turnk calls put through from Kalyan to Miranda and Morarka.

The Magistrate overruled the objection accepting the bills as authentic documents.

DY. INSPECTOR MISTRY EVIDENCE

The next Crown witness to take the stand was Dy.-Inspector Sorab Mistry who stated that he had seen Morarka at the A.C.B. office about half of dozei times prior to his arrest.

Dy.-Inspector Mistry told the court that Miranda had informed him of the efforts made by Accused No. 1 through various parties to bribe him. He learnt from Miranda that the latter had turned down the persistent offers made by these parties and had warned them to desist from these offices.

At this juncture in the hearing of the evidence, Sir Hornusdjiar Dastur, Counsel for Damjibhai took objection to the recording of the statement made by Mistry on grounds that it was irrelevant The Court, however maintained that it was relevant in obtaining corroboration of Miranda's examination-in-chief, and as such overruled the objection.

Witness Mistry continuing stated that Miranda had told him that Morarka had offered to assist him (Miranda) to obtain a job in the railway, for which Miranda had applied, through the influence he wielded with certain Cabinet Ministers This side offer had aslo been declined by Miranda. Witness had been told that inspite of being warned Morarka had persisted in trying to bribe him through Kalyanwala.

When Miruida returned from Delhi on April 8, he showed Mistry a confidential report about the bribe offer which he was submitting to his superior officers, Superintendent Bashiruddin and Dy.-Commissioner Quilter. On April 30, and two or three occasions following, Morarka visited Miranda at the ACB office.

On May 4 Miranda informed Mistry that Morarka, who had visited him that day, would be returning later with another person named Damjibhai through whom the payment of the money was to be made. Miranda asked Supdt. Bashiruddin to come to his room when Morarka and Damjibhai were there on the pretext of making some enquiries.

PAYMENT OF MONEY

On May 5 when Mistry reported for duty at the office at 10-30 in the morning, Miranda particularly asked him to keep himself free from any engagements that evening as witness would be required to assist in trapping Damjibhai. However, at about 11-30 a.m. Mrs. Miranda phoned to say that Damjibhai had called at Miranda's residence and was waiting with the money. A phone call was put through to Dy.-Commissioner Quilter informing him about this. In the meantime Supdt. Bashiruddin had drawn up a panchnama and had searched Miranda to make certain in the presence of the panch witnesses that he had nothing on him but a ten rupee note, an identity card, a copy of the report dated March 27 on the 'notes case' and the confidential report of the bribery case.

Miranda called a cab. BMT 1333, at Churchgate and proceeded ahead to his residence. The police party which included Bashiruddin, Mistry, one constable and two panch witnesses, with Quilter , his own car bringing up the rear, followed at a distance.

POLICE AT SCENE

Miranda's car drew up at his residence at Christ Church Road, while the police party parked their car at Kemp and Company Corner at Clare Road. Quilter brought his car to a standstill a little further down the road. The police party had hardly been waiting ten minutes when Mrs. Miranda came up to them and informed them that the money had been handed over to Miranda.

The police party rushed up to Miranda's residence, Mrs. Miranda let herself in through the rear entrance while the police rang the front door bell. The door was opened to the police by Miranda who had in his hand a bundle of notes wrapped in newspaper.

At this stage the court rose for the day and further hearing of the evidence was adjourned to Dec. 29.

Buckley's Charges Excel In Today's Spurts

BY OUR TRACK REPORTER

BOMBAY, Friday: Liberty Belle and Fitna, serious contenders for the 1,000 Guineas shaped very well in the morning spurts at Mahaluxmi.

A few more from Buckley's charges, Diniar, Rana Pratap, Marlow and Pramila have also excelled when exercised this morning.

The following are the noted spurts:

OUTER TAN

DEUCE OF CLUBS (Kheem) strode impressively when covering three furlongs in 39 1/2 seconds.

POUND NOTE (Purtu) covered three furlongs in 37 seconds.

AROWHENA (Damodar) spared three lengths from HIKMET (Aurobinda) when covering three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

FIE (Roberts) did excellent three furlongs in 36 seconds.

NAVVARA (Evans) was two lengths in front of PRAMILA (Uttam) while GOODWILL (B. Khade) lay another five lengths behind at the end of a spurt over four furlongs from 9 to 5. Timing 37 seconds.

PARASTAN (N. Singh) showed out from SHAH OF IRAN (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 38 seconds.

KHUNDIL (Kheem) moved attractively when sent over three. He clocked 36 1/5 seconds.

LIBERTY BELLE (Kheem) comfortably disposed of WOOD NYMPH (Antoo) when negotiating three furlongs in 36 seconds.

HAPPY GO LUCKY (Kheem) held BAAZ BAHADUR (Antoo) when exercised over half mile. They recorded 51 1/2 seconds with latter moving in hand.

RACE GRASS

JOE LOUIS (Mull) prevailed over FAIR ROSE (Khandu) when worked over three furlongs. He recorded 36 1/5 seconds.

GIPSY FLOWER (Rajoo) recorded 36 1/2 seconds for three furlongs.

SHIVNERI (Kadam) shaped better than BASILION (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 38 seconds.

FOWZIA (Kadam) spared two lengths from RANG RAO (R.B.) at the end of a spurt over three furlongs. He recorded 37 seconds.

BHOPAL STAR (Rickaby) finished four lengths ahead of SHAHISTAH (Purtu) and GOLDEN SQUARE (Sk. Ahmed) was another two lengths away when covering three furlongs in 36 seconds.

REFORM (Shaikh) strode fluently from DESERT KNIGHT (Rickaby) when covering three furlongs in 35 1/2 seconds. The first-named is likely to score on Sunday.

GRACE (Mahmood Khan) was in hand when covering three furlongs in 38 seconds.

JEANNE D'ARC (Rickaby) was too good for ROYAL CRUSADER (Shaikh) when covering three furlongs in 36 seconds.

RASHTRAPATI (Rickaby) had the narrow measure of SIMON'S SISTER (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 35 1/2 seconds. The first-named may make amends this time.

FITNA (Evans) RANA PRATAP (Uttam) and DINIAR (Jagdesh) lay in close order at the end of a noteworthy three furlongs spurt. They clocked 35 seconds.

MARLOW (Evans) outstrode ASOKA (B. Khade) when covering three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds. Marlow with blinkers is expected to run well.

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ON THE INDIAN SCREEN

"MITTI-KE-KHILOUNE"

Ranjit's Musical At Swastik

Ranjit's "Mittie-Ke-Khiloune" which is released at the Swastik, is a well told romantic tale. It has all the ingredients that go to make it an absorbing love story—there is meeting—

Nigar in "Mitti-Ke-Khiloune"

falling in love—separation and other things. But these incidents are presented with an eye on novelty. The result is that they appear as new Credit for this goes to the creative genious of Mr. Prahlad Dutt, the Director who has spun out a very fine tale out of this. He has succeeded in making it a very convincing and appealing story that grips the attention of the audience from beginning to the end.

Songs and Music are a high spot of this picture. Pandit Indra and B. R. Sharma have written the lyrics that bring out the full emotional content of the situations out of which they spring.

Nigar, Karan Diwan, Nirupa Roy, Dulari, S. N. Tripathi and others play their roles with sincerity.

"GRIHASTI"

Aina Picture Coming To Lamington

Director Mr. S. M. Yusuf has presented a purposeful social in Aina Pictures "Grihasti", which is to be released at the Lamington from Friday 31st inst.

In thns picture Director Yusuf has tried to fathom the reasons that make home really a sweet—sweet home. Round this theme has been woven a finely developed tale by Mr. Prabhulal Trivedi, the noted dramatist of Gujerath. "Grihasti" tells the tale of how a home is wrecked just because the man falls a victim to his wife's whims.

The main roles are interpreted by top notch artists like Yakub, Lalita Pawar and Sulochana Chatterjee.

Music by Ghulam Mahomed is another high spot of this picture.

"PAROO"

2nd Week At New West End

There are two schools of film makers, one that believes in films just for entertainment pure and simple and the other that believes in the film as a powerful medium of education. A successful effort to blend both these aspects of the film has been made in Peerless Pictures' "Paroo" released last week at New West End, Bombay.

As a story, it follows the age-old patters of boy-meets-girl stories which later develops into a melodrama with murder and suspense to heighten its appeal. The boy in this case is a zamindar's son and the girl is a daughter of a sweeper in school. The distinction of caste and class come in the way of fulfilment of their romance and they are forced to part at the very alter of matrimony. After their separation the story takes a different turn when boy's father is murdered and boy is arrested for murder. The disclosure of the real murderer provides some tense moments in the end.

Geeta Nizami's performance in the title role, Nakshab's powerful songs and Daultalvi's fine direction are the other features of this picture.

OPERATION KASHMIR

The grim and bloody war being waged on Kashmir soil has been made the theme of an interesting documentary produced by the Films Division of the Department of Information and Broadcasting, Government ment of India.

Shot at the actual battle front, the difficulties of our troops have been vividly photographed. The cheerfulness and courage of our men and the help thel rendered to the hapless victims have won for them a well deserved tribute. In this struggle for freedom men of the Indian Army, the Royal Indian Air Force, and the fighting forces of Sheikh Abdullah who returned from U.N.O. a disillusioned but not a discoraged man co-operated to make it a brilliant success.

The strain of battle is relieved by scenes of Srinagar celebrating with music and laughter the "Freedom Week". Pandit Nehru himself went there on this occasion and was given a rousing reception, for to the inhabitants he symbolised India's pledge to save Kashmir's honour and freedom.

"NADIYA KE PAR"

Filmistan's Latest Release At Roxy

Filmistan have offered a delightful tale of love in their latest picture, "Nadiya ke Par", now drawing crowded houses at the Roxy.

Kishore Sahu, producer-director of the picture, has chosen a beautiful locale for it, a small village on the bank of the Ganges, and woven his story round about the simple life of the fisher folks living in that village. Strange superstitions and romances are always associated with the ocean and the rivers all over the world from times immemorial and the belief that the river stream was haunted at night time by a pair of lovers who consummated their wedding by being drowned in the whirlpool lends a romantic as well as sublime touch to the story. By itself it is simple and natural love tale sprinkled with songe, dances, dialogues and music that entertain. Easily the best performance comes from the star pair—Kamini Kaushal and Dilip Kumar—and the supporting cast does well also. Sampson as the chief of the fisher folks, Maya Bannerji as the village beauty ano David as her fond but ecentric father give pleasing account of themselves.

C. Ramchandra's music is throughout pleasing both in the songs and dances as well as in the background. Excellent photography makes it pleasant for the eye, particularly in the natural scenery of the river, jungles, and hillock and in the boat race, the whirlpool and the sailings on waters. Altogether a pleasant entertainment for all lovers of pictures.

Roma Nehru in "Anjangarh".

"ANJANGARH"

5th Week At Excelsior

In New Theatres' newest picture "Anjangarh", now in its 5th week at the Excelsior Theatre, the trials and tribulations of the people struggling to win their freedom from the tyrannical yokes of a king are portrayed with a admirable realism. The ideals of love and non-violence, of fraternity and friendship amongst all men preached by the Father of the Nation are presented in "Anjangarh" in a powerfully dramatised form.

Directed by Bimol Roy, the young imaginative artist who gave us "Hamrahi", this picture presents some fresh faces as well as veterans. In the cast are Sunanda Devi, Ajaykumar—a new comer, Roma Nehru a sprightly new girl, Rai Mohan, Bipin Gupta and Hiralal. Bipin Gupta, as Dr. Chowdhury, gives an exceptionally fine performance.

Embellished with the melodious music by R. C. Boral, "Anjangarh" also includes some fine lines of "Ramdhun" (Bapu's favourite devotional song).

Everest Film's "Amar Bhet"

Hashri the famous playwright and dramatist and also the author and director of many a successful film has in co-operation with Ansari, an experienced man of the line, floated a new film production, Everest Film Corporation with the object of making quality pictures.

Their first offering is "Amar Bhet' whose scripe work is now completed and will go on sets next month The story dealing with the life of two innocent souls caught in the hailstorm of destiny is kritten pointly by Hashri and the famous Hindi author, Bhagwati Prashad Bajpai.

Nayantara is tentatively fixed to be cast in the central role. Co-starred with her are Prem Kant Suraiya, Choudhri R. Tiwari and Alvi.

"JEEVACHA SAKHA"

To Be Released Next Week At Majestic

In the wake of "Jai Malhar", which proved such a popular hit, Mangal Pictures is offering another Marathi social "Jeevacha Sakha," which is opening this week at Minerva, Poona and which will have its premiere next Saturday at Majestic, Bombay.

Set against the fascinating background of rural Maharashtra the story revolves round the farmers and the Sahukar of a village. The dramatic conflict is provided by Sahukar's evil designs on farmer's daughter. Love and revenge provide a thrilling climax to this dramatic story highlighted by folk songs sung by Jairam Shiledar and Jog.

Based on a novel by M. B. Bhonsle, the screenplay dialogue and lyrics are written by Madgulkar, the author of 'Ram Joshi' and while Jairam Shiledar of 'Ram Joshi' fame takes un the role of hero, Jog, Salvi, Sulochana, Saroj Borkar, Shakuntala Jadhav and Raja Paranjpe, the last of whom has incidentally directed the film-play other stellar roles. 'Jeevacha Sakha' has been produced by Wamanrao Kulkarni and Vishnupant Chavan and released through Jai Hind Film Echanfie.

"RAMBAAN"

Prakash Picture's 7th Week

The victory of Right over wrong, of Justice over arrogant Might form the central theme of the great Indian epic Ramayana. Director Vijay Bhatt has chosen to interpret this struggle from a vsry new angle in his picture "Rambaan" whiem is running now in its 7th combined week at Super and Kohinoor. His presentation of the theme is off the beaten track, yet confirms essentially to the spirit of the original. How phpsical prowess makes man arrogant and blind to the good points of others is well brought out in the characterization of Ravan. The milk of human kindness is personified in the character of Rama. Director Vijay Bhatt has interpreted on the silver screen these two characters in a refined way, making them look as normal human beings.

This tale of elementally grand emotions is reenacted against a goregeous background, which has given full scope to the creative genius of artist Kanu Desai. Shobhana Samarth, Prem Adib Umakant, Amir Karnataki and Chandramohan have given magnificent re presentations.

Music by Shankarrao Vyas, Shabari's songs and the scenes depicting Rama's grief after Seeta had been abducted by Ravana, are high spots of this picture.

"LAL DUPATTA"

5th Week At Opera House

Combining as it does successfully entertainment with purpose, K. B. Lall's Lal Duptta", which is being screened simultaneously at the Royal Opera House and Rivoli, continues to attract large houses at the both the theatres and is now unning into its fifth week. The feminine cast is headed by Madhubala and Ranjit Kumari, while the male cast is headed by Sapru, Ullhas Rajen and Kesari. Music by Jnan Dutt and attractive dances enhance the beauty of the picture.

Ullhas in "Lal Dupatta".

Revolutionary Advance In Film Production

LONDON (By Cable): Mr. David Rawnsley, a film specialist and a consultant of the Rank organisation, has devised a new method of production called "Independent Frame" which seems likely to revolutionise the film industry.

"Independent Frame" begins with a detailed planning of all studio work. All the dresses, make-up, etc. are assembled in advance and kept ready and as much of the film as possible is prepared without actors, the fullest use being made of "back projection' and other technical aids.

Such preparation, it is estimated, will, for a nomal feature, occupy the production floor for not more than four weeks. Actors and actresses take part only during the last phase of two weeks or so.

"Warning to Wantons", just finished in a British studio, is an example of this technique. It took half the time, studio space and money normally spent on such a film. The cost of making "Warning to Wantons" was £100,000 (Rs. 13.33 lakhs) and the total time taken six weeks.

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL AND KRISHNA:
"Devar" starring Jyoti, Kumar, Khurshid (Jr.) Yakub and Yashodhara Katju.

SWASTIK:
"Mitti-Ke-Khiloune", starring Nigar, Karan Diwan, Nirupa Roy, Dulari and Tripathi.

EXCELSIOR:
"Anjangarh" starring Sunanda, Ajoy Kumar, Roma Nehru, Rai Mohan, Bipin Gupta and Hiralal.

NOVELTY AND SURYA:
"Dard", starring Suraiya, Munawar, Sultana, Nusrat and Husna Banoo.

OPERA HOUSE AND RIVOLI:
"Lal Dupatta" starring Madhu Bala Ranjit Kumari, Kesai, Ullhas Rajen Haksar and Sapru.

MAJECTIC:
"Jai Hanuman", starring P. Kailas, Keshav Purohit, Nirupama Roy, Babu Raje and Tripathi.

SUPER AND KOHINOOR:
"Rambaan", starring from Adib, Shobhana Samarth, Umakant and Chandramohan.

CENTRAL:
"Seeta Swayamvar", starring Durga Khote, Anant Marathe and Baby Shakuntala.

ROXY:
"Nadiya-Ke-Par", starring Kamini Kaushal, Dileep Kumar, Maya Banerji David and Ramesh Gupta.

IMPERIAL:
"Pyar Ki Jeet", starring Suraiya, Rehman, Manorama, Yashodhara Katju and Gope.

MINERVA:
"Mela", starring Nargis Dilip Kumar and Jivan.

NEW WEST END:
"Paroo", starring Geeta Nizami, Randhir, Ranjit Kumari and kesari.

A STUPENDOUS PRODUCTION

Gemini's "Chandralekha

The large majority of film-goers, naturally, can have no precise ideas of the pains and the head-aches, the throbs and the thrills, the adventures and escapades or even the patience and the labour called for in the production of a big film like Chandralekha on which Gemini has spent 35 lakhs of rupees.

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Not these alone were the cameraman's worries ano headlaches, somt shots had to be taken from a banyan tree 80ft. high, for otners, the camera and camera men were pitched on a crane 40 ft. high, while its long arm swing swirled them over a circumference of 100 ft. and more!

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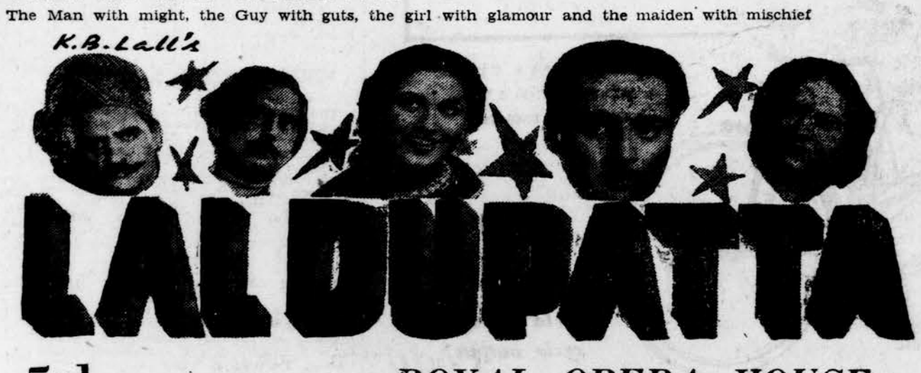

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Today's Engagements

SRI RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ, (RAMANAJAYANTHI): Today's programme Ekadasa Rudrabhishekam and Shri Seshadri Swamigal's Aradhana at 8-00 a.m. and Discourse on "Shri Seshadri Swamigal's Life" by Mr. V. Subbarayar, at 9 p.m., at Bhuta Nivas, King's Circle, Matunga.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME: Unchuvrithy procession Upanished Parayana, Shri Sad-Guru Pooja and Vyakyana of Shri Arunachala Pancharatnam between 8-00 to 11-30 a.m., Deeparadhana at 12 noon and Devotional Veena Music on Bhaghawan Ramana by Shrimathi Lalitha Venkatram and one abhinaya number by Kumari Rajam Venkatram on Arunachala Mahatmiyam' at 9-00 p.m., at Bhuta Nivas, King's Circle, Matunga.

X'MAS ENTERTAINMENT, BANDRA: Colwad Musical and Dramatic Union's 35th annual concert on Christmas Day, (today), at 7 p.m., at St. Stanislaus' School Hall, Bandra. Mr. John Netto, President of the Bandra Municipality, will preside.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES: Swami Samouddhananda of Ramakrishna Mission will conduct a class on Bhagwat Geeta in English at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall, at 9 a.m on Sunday. The Swami will also conduct a class on the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna in Hindi and English at the same place, at 5-30 p.m.

G. I. P. RAILWAY MAZDOOR PANCHAYAT: Following are the results of the strike ballott conducted on behalf of this organization:—
Centre Wardha Membership 440, Total Voting 341, For Strike 334 Against Strike 3,
Centre Ballarsha, Chanda, Hinganghat, Pulgaon, Membership 400 Total Voting 357, For Strike 327, Against Strike 27,
Centre Matunga, Membership 1,519, Total Voting 1,434, For Strike 1,418, Against Strike 3.

SOCIALIST PARTY (BOMBAY): Under the auspices of the Socialist Party (Bombay) Public meeting will be held today (Saturday), at Blavatsky Lodge near Opera House, at 6 p.m., to protest against the Military action of the Dutch Government against the Republic of Indonesia. Mr. Yusuf Meherally, will preside Mr. N. M Joshi, and Mr. Akbarai Peerbhoy, will speak.

THE SWASTIK LEAGUE: The annual general meeting of the Swastik League will be held at the Seth V. M. Swastik Mandir, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay, tomorrow (Sunday), at 4 p.m., to adopt the Balance Sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 1947, and to elect the new Governing Body.

INDIAN MUSIC: At S.r P. M. Gardens, tomorrow (Sunday), from 5-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m., by Mr. R. N Paradkar.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadeshak Swami Sr. Nitaidas Bhaktishastri Ragalankarji to speak on "How to get rid of Three-fold-Calamity" in English at Sri Gaudiya Math, Gowalia Tank Road, tomorrow (Sunday), at 5 p.m.

ADARSHA HIND MANDAL: Under the auspices of the Adarsha Hind Mandal, Vile Parle, Sri B. R. Dhurandhar, editor of "Navbharat", will speak on 'Direction of Our Present day Task' at 9 p.m., today, at Tilak Mandir, Vile Parle (East).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We have received a desk diary for 1949 from Shoorji Vallabhdass Limited.

ARYA SAMAJ: Pnt. Ramashankar Tripathi, will give lecture on 'Swatantra Bharat Me Ram Rajaya Ki Sthapna' at Arya Samaj, Station Road, Bazaz Wadi Santa Cruz, tomorrow (Sunday), at 9-30 a.m.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM YOUTH FEDERATION.

The Hon. Secretary, Bombay Provincial Muslim Youth Federation, writes:—
To help the poor and needy students in all possible ways without any restriction what-so-ever of caste or creed, our Federation has organised a charity show of the film Bhaijan, at 10 a.m., today, at the Alfred Theatre.

THE BAI DHUNMAI CAVASJI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL.

The inauguration ceremony of the opening at the Bai Dhunmai Cavasji Girls' High School Extension and Daulat Daruwalla Memorial Stage was performed by the Hon. Dr. M D. D. Gilder, on 18th December, at Khandala. Dr. Gilder in the course of his speech laid stress on the fact that the present generation were going to be the future leaders of India. Hence schools were places where impressions of sound citizenship and leadership were given.

Aryan Congress

The 6th Session of the Aryan Congress will be held in Calcutta on 31st Dec. 1948 and 1st, 2nd January, 1949. The Session will be opened by His Excellency Shri Kailash Nath Katju, Governor of the West Bengal, on 31st Dec., at 4 p.m., and it will be presided over by Honourable Shr. Ghanshyam Singh Gupta, Speaker C. P. Assembly.

Bakers' Bread

The President of the Bombay Bakers' Association, writes:—
As there is some misunderstanding amongst the members of the public regarding the availability of bakers bread on bread tickets issued by the ration shops, the Bombay Bakers Association would like to bring it to the notice of the public that bread tickets are issued from authorised ration shops with the week of issue marked on the ticket. The bread tickets are only valid during the week of issue and upto Saturday of the following week, bread tickets may, therefore, be presented to the bakers before the expiry of their validity.

A. I. Homoeopathic Medical Conference

The Tenth All-India Homoeopathic Medical Conference and Exhibition will be held on the 26th and 27th December at the Meston Hall Agra College Agra. Dr. S. G. Mukerjee of Banaras, will preside.

BASRUR Wedding

Mr. ARIEL ASHEERVAD SALINS, son of the late Mr. MARK SALINS, Udipi, was married to ROSE CHRISTABEL daughter of Mr. G. K. BARNABAS, Basrur, on 25th Nov. 1948.

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

The Prizes and Medals have been awarded as under on the results of the B. E. Examinations held in April and October 1948:—

B. E. (CIVIL) EXAM.

1. The James Berkley Gold Medal and Prize to No. 66.
2. The Jamshedji Dorabji Naogamwala Prize 3. The Theodore Cooke Memorial Prize to No. 56,
4. The Rao Bahadur Rajadhyaksha Gold Medal to No. 66.
5. The G. D. Daftary Gold Medal and Prize to No. 62.

B. E. (MECH. & ELEC.) Exam.

1. The Merwanji Framji Panday Scholarship 2. The Rao Bahadur Rajadhyaksha Gold Medal to No. 38.

The above numbers relate to October 1948 examination.

I.N.T.U.C. Chief's Call To Jubbulpore Workers

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 24.

Mr. Hariharnath Shastri, President of All-India Trade Union Congress who was at Jubbulpore on three days visit addressed a workers meeting, a Harijan gathering, and local journalist. Mr. Shastri exhorted the labourers the help the Government in creating a classless society and to get themselves out of the communists' influence. Congress, he said, was labourers' best friend as it always espoused their cause and fought for their rights to improve their lot.

He appealed to the workers to come under INTUC banner to strengthen the organisation and discourage strikes, weed out deactionary element and support the Government in fighting inflation.

To Harijans Mr. Shastri advised to form their unions under the Congress aegis and to help the Government in shaping India of Mahatmaji's ideals.

Restrictions On Two Poona Papers

The Government of Bombay has prohibited, for a period of one month, from Dec. 23, 1948, the "Dainik Bharat', a Marathi daily of Poona, and the "Commonwealth", an English weekly of Poona, from printing "any matter bearing directly or indirectly on the communal situation in any part of India or Pakistan or any Indian State, or any communal question in India or Pakistan or any Indian State, including the description of any incident or event, any other news, article, individual, including any statement made by any officer of the Central or Provincial Government in India or Pakistan or in any Indian State; or any matter which tends, directly or indirectly, to promote feelings of enmity or hatred between the different classes of His Majesty's subjects."

The orders were served on the editors, printers and publishers of the two journals under sub-classes (i) of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 9A of the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, 1947.

Similar orders have been served on the keepers of the Dayanvilas Press and the Israelite Press where these journals are being printed.

Khalapur Sub-Registry Office Closed

The Government of Bombay has decided to discontinue the Sub-Registry office at Khalapur from Dec. 31, 1948, as the number of documents received for registration in that office has been very small. The sub-Registrar, Karjat will hold his office at Khalapur for accepting documents for registration from the people of that town for six days, from second Monday to the following Saturday, in the months of February, April and June every year, with effect from Jan. 1, 1949.

Radio

BOMBAY, Saturday, Dec. 25.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Zawar Husain (Geet) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-20 Hazara Singh (Guitar recital) 8-45 Mohammad Siddiq (Thumri) 9-0 Master Krishnarao (Vocal music) 9-30 Christmas Stocking 11-0 Film Music 11-40 Nokila Mistry (Gujarati Geet) 12-45 p.m. News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Azam Bai (Vocal music) 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Christmas Music 4-20 Azam Bai (Vocal music) 5-0 Mohammad Siddiq (Dadra) 5-15 Bahuroop; Programme of special interest to children in Gujarati 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Master Krishnarao (Vocal music) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements And Weather Report 7-15 Hazara Singh (Guitar recital) 7-30 Replies to Listeners' letters in Gujarati 7-40 Violin Par Bhoop By R. G. Joshi 7-45 Thumri Aur Dadra 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Hazara Singh (Guitar recital) 8-45 Zawar Husain (Vocal music) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Around the Local Cinemas Review in English 9-55 Musical Interlude 10-0 Meghadoot Monthly magazine in Marathi 10-30 Master Krishnarao (Vocal music).

VARIATIONS.

41.44 m. (7,140 kc/s)

7-40 a.m. Wakht Ke Raag 5-45 p.m Babubhai Shah (Gujarati Geet) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)

9-0 p.m. Babubhai Shah (Gujarti Pad Nanalal) 8-15 Mohammad Siddiq (Dadra Geet) 9-0 Azam Bai (Vocal music).

A. I. R. BARODA.

SATURDAY, Dec. 25.

7-30 a.m. Morning Variety (Recorded) 7-50 News (G) 8-00 News (E) 8-15 Film Music (Recorded) 6-00 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Locbal Announcements 6-15 Programmes for rural areas in Gujarati relayed from Bombay 6-35 Variety (Recorded) 7-00 Ambubhai Mody 7-15 Mahendra Shukla 7-35 Diliruba: Air Artist 7-45 Topical Talk Music 8-00 Mahendra Shukla 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Suresh Haldankar 8-45 Talk in Gujarati by Jayantilal H. Mehta 9-00 News (E) 9-15 Suresh Haldankar 9-30 Raag Vilap: Musical Feature by Avinash Vyas Produced by Sagar Mistry.

Mamlatdar Of Hubli Appointed Returning Officer

The Registrar of Trade Unions for the Province of Bombay, has appointed the Mamlatdar of Hubli to be the Returning Officer for the electoral unit formed by the M and SM Railway Employees Union in connection with the forthcoming by-election in the Railway Unions constituency of the Bombay Legislative Assembly. The Mamlatdar of Hubli will receive nominations and scrutinise them on December 28, 1948 and will perform all the duties of a Returning Officer in respect of this electoral unit.

Borivli Created New Taluka

A new taluka of Borivli, without a sub-treasury has been created in Thana district for a period of two years, from December 1 last, in the first instance. The new taluka, with Borivli as its headquarters, consists of 48 villages, all transferred from Thana taluka. A new Sub-Registry office has also been opened at Borivli for the same period.

Sales Tax Staff Conference

The first conference of the Sales Tax Staff of the Government of Bombay will be held on Sunday, December 26, at the Elphinstone College Hall, Bombay. Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries, will address the Conference.

Urdu Pamphlet Forfeited

The Chief Commissioner, Delhi has issued a notification, under section 19 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers)) Act, 1931, declaring to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies of the Urdu pamphlet entitled "Peshin Goiee — Hindustan Men Islami Badshahat" by Qasaid Shah Naimat Ullah Sahab Wali Kashmiri, translated by Maulana Khalique, published by Messrs. Afzal Book Depot, 1253, Bhojla Pahari, Delhi and printed at the Kamal Printing Press, Delhi.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Governor of Bombay received The Hon. Premier and Mr. Nanjappa.

The Governor visited the premises of the Educational Films India at Walkeshwar Road, to witness the screening of selected films. He was received at the Projection Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Ambalal J. Patel, and Mr. Ram L. Goytay.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Dec. 24, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather summary for Friday, the 24th December, 1948:—

A fresh western disturbance from the West Punjab is approaching the East Punjab.

Weather continued to be dry over the country.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 25TH: Scattered showers are likely in the extreme south of the peninsula and in and near the East Punjab hills.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT: An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin with epicentre about 5,120 miles away from Poona was recorded by the seismographs in the meteorological office, Poona at 14 hours 23 mins. (I. S. T.) on Thursday, the 23rd December, 1948.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Dec. 24, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st December 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 42-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 24th December 1948:—

Ahmedabad 90 62 0 0 0, Ahmednagar 83 49 0 0 minus 0.2, Allahabad 75 49 0 0 minus 0.3, Baroda 91 53 0 0 0, Belgaum 79 57 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Bhuj 83 55 0 0 minus 0.1, BOMBAY 90 70 0 0 minus 0.1, Calcutta 80 54 0 0 minus 0.2, Delhi 72 43 0 0 minus 0.3, Hyderabad (Dn.) 82 52 0 0 minus 0.3, Indore 87 48 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Jaipur 76 46 0 0 minus 0.2, Karachi 80 63 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Kolhapur 83 55 0 0 0, Mahabaleshwar 73 56 0 0 minus 0.3, Mangalore 88 69 0 0 minus 0.3, Marmagao 88 — 0 0 minus 0.3, Nagpur 83 51 0 0 minus 0.4, Poona 84 51 0 0 minus 0.1, Rajkot 90 55 0 0 minus 0.9, Sholapur 83 56 0 0 minus 0.4, Surat 94 53 0 0 0.

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Abu Lawrence School, Abu—The Committee of Management have pleasure in announcing the continuation of the Institution as a public School for the service of all—irrespective of creed and community. New term commences early March, 1949. Matriculation and Cambridge Examinations. For further particulars and registration apply Principal. (2467)

BOOKS & MAGAZINES

For Numerous Matrimonial Proposals, Photoes, Sensational Experiences of ladies read "Amar Sandesh" 5155, Saddar Bazar Delhi, a Premier Ladies Magazines, wanted lady representatives on Rs. 50/- monthly spare hours. (63)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS are invited for a temporary post of Assistant Director in the Central Statistical Branch of the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay. PAY: Rs. 350-350-380-380-30-590-E. B.-30-770-40-850. In addition, Dearness, Compensatory (City) and House Rent Allowances will be admissible on the conditions prescribed and at the rates sanctioned by Government from time to time. AGE:—Preferably between 25 and 40 years. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste Candidates. QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE: A good degree in Statistics or Economics or Mathematics of a recognised Indian or Foreign University with special training and experience of handling statistical data in a Government Office or a business organisation preferably relating to the Cotton Textile Industry.

2. Applications must reach the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Office of the Textile Commissioner, Ahmedabad House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH January, 1949, in the prescribed form obtainable from him on request. The candidates may be required to come for interview at their own expense. 2717

SECRETARY, EAST PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SIMLA.

(Advertisement No. 58.)

INVITES APPLICATIONS on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury receipt or crossed postal order for Rs. 5/- not later than the 26th January, 1949, for a temporary (upto 31st March, 1950 for the present, but likely to continue) post of ASSISTANT DISEASE INVESTIGATION OFFICER (POULTRY) East Punjab in P.V.S., Class II, from Nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile and subject of Kapurthala, Nabha, Faridkot Malerkotla, Patiala, Jin and Bilaspur states. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of other Indian States and citizens of Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the East Punjab Government will be necessary in their case before appointment. War Service and refugee candidates preferred. Candidates should be M.R.C.V.S., or possess a diploma or degree in Veterinary Science from a recognised University or institution in the Indian Union or India before partition, with Post Graduate training in Poultry Husbandry at Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, and Research experience in poultry diseases. Candidates who have already worked as A.D.I.O. (Poultry) will be preferred. Age not less than 22 years and not more than 35 years, on 1-8-48, relaxable in case of Government servants and in the case of War Service Candidates to the extent of their recognised 'War Service'. Pay Rs. 250-25-750, Rs. 200/- during probationary period for direct recruits. Government Servants eligible. Women not eligible. Further particulars on application. 2715

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY

TENDER NOTICE NO. PMI/31718

THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER invites tenders for DURRIES to reach his office at Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on or before 17th January '49, on forms (not transferable) obtainable from this office (Section AD V—Cash) at Rs. 10/- (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash or by Money Order or Indian Postal Order (quoting tender No., Full name and address of the remitter).

2. Applicants not already on approved list of the Office of the Textile Commissioner must give their Banker's reference with the application for a tender form.

3. Tenders are required to be kept open for acceptance up to 18th February, 1949. They will be opened at 11 a.m. on 18th January, 1949. (2721)

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FIBRE EXPERT

APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 5-2-1949 from persons domiciled in Bombay Province and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan for post of FIBRE EXPERT, Bombay. The post is temporary for five years on contract basis. PAY SCALE:— Rs. 750-1000 PLUS cost of living allowance. Higher starting pay admissible. QUALIFICATIONS:— (1) Second class degree or diploma in Fibre or Textile Technology or Second class degree of M.Sc. or B.Sc., in Botany and Chemistry (2) at least five years experience in cultivation and extraction of Sann, Hemp, Ambadi and other best fibres and/or their utilisation in the making of twine rope, etc., and (3) knowledge of one of the regional languages of the Province. Practical experience in a jute power-mill, an additional qualification. AGE:— Not more than 45 years on 1-4-1949, relaxable in suitable cases. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3-1/2 annas postage stamps and CROSSED Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will supply full details on request. (2713)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Advertisement No. 68

APPLICATIONS INVITED for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Women eligible. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) 22nd January, 1949. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion, remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE, refugee and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Separate application with separate fee required for each category of post. Candidates from outside India are not required to pay any application fee and may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he/she appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

1. ONE ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICER (FISHERY ENGINEER) AT THE INLAND FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION, CALCUTTA/PULTA. Post sanctioned for 5 years for the present but likely to be made permanent. Other things being equal preference will be given to a Scheduled Caste candidate. AGE:— Preferably below 45 years; relaxable for specially qualified candidates. PAY:— Rs. 275-25-500-E.B. -30-650-30-800. Higher initial pay up to a maximum of Rs. 350/- may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— (i) Degree in Engineering of a recognised University. (ii) Experience in irrigational engineering and works relating to dams, anicuts, channels, and tank earth work.

2. ONE TEMPORARY RESEARCH OFFICER, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NEW DELHI. AGE:— Preferably below 30 years, relaxable by 5 years in case of Government servants. PAY:— Rs. 350-25-500-E.B. -30-650-E.B. -800. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL — (i) Ist or IInd Class M.A. Degree in Economics or equivalent. (ii) Experience in analysing company balance sheets. (iii) Some knowledge of statistical methods. DESIRABLE:— Knowledge of Investment Market (including Stock Exchanges).

3. ONE SECRETARY, Coal Mines Stowing Board, Ministry of WORKS, MINES AND POWER. In partial modification of item 1 of advertisement No. 61 it is notified for general information that the statement of qualifications has been amended to read as follows:— ESSENTIAL:— (i) An Honours Degree of a recognised University, OR Diploma of the Associateship of the Indian School of Mines and Applied Geology, OR B.Sc., Degree in Mining from the Benares Hindu University. (ii) At least 5 years' experience in a gazetted post under the Central Government or in a Provincial Civil Service OR At least 10 years' experience in a responsible executive post in trade or industry. (iii) Fair knowledge of Coal trade. Closing date extended from the 25th December, 1948, to 22nd January, 1949.

4. ONE PARASITOLOGIST AT THE INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. Other things being equal, preference will be given to a Scheduled Caste candidate. AGE:— Preferably below 40 years, relaxable for exceptionally well-qualified and experienced candidate. PAY:— Rs. 600-40-1000-1000 -1050 -1050 -1100 -1100 -1150. Higher initial pay up to a maximum of Rs. 800/- may be granted as a special case to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL:— (i) M.Sc. degree in Zoology or M.Sc. Agriculture with specialisation in Entomology or Associate I.A.R.I. in Entomology or Doctorate in a subject relating to Entomology. (ii) Knowledge of modern methods of biological control of Insect Pests, of rearing and dissemination of Predaters and preferably of statistics as applied to field experiments. (iii) Good research work in Entomology for about 10 years with evidence of capacity to guide others in research and experience of biological control. DESIRABLE:— (i) Experience of teaching post-graduate students. (ii) Knowledge of French or German.

5. ONE PERMANENT SECOND CANE BREEDING OFFICER AT THE INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. Other things being equal, preference will be given to a Scheduled Caste candidate. AGE:— Preferably below 40 years, relaxable for exceptionally well-qualified and experienced candidates. PAY:— FOR DIRECT RECRUITS: 600-40-1000-1000 -1050 -1050- 1100- 1100- 1150. A higher initial pay up to a maximum of Rs. 800/- may be granted as a special case to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS EMPLOY SINCE 15TH JULY, 1931 AND WHO HAVE NOT ELECTED NEW SCALES OF PAY: Rs. 350-50-550-650-50-1250. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) M.Sc. degree in Botany, with a high academic record, preferably with a Doctorate Degree in Plant Breeding and Genetics. (ii) Good record of research for about 10 years with evidence of capacity to initiate new lines of research and to guide others in research. (iii) Knowledge of Statistics and field experimentation as applied to Plant Breeding. DESIRABLE: Experience of breeding work on sugar-cane.

6. ONE PERMANENT SYSTEMATIC BOTANIST AT THE INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. Other things being equal, preference will be given to a Scheduled Caste candidate. AGE: Preferably below 40 years, relaxable for exceptionally well-qualified and experienced candidate. PAY:— Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150. Higher initial pay up to maximum of Rs. 800/- may be granted as a special case to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL —(1) M.Sc. or Doctorate Degree in Botany, with specialisation in Systematic Botany. (ii) Experience of survey, collection and study of plant material from the economic view point, with experience of herbarium work and knowledge of plant introduction work. (iii) Must have good record or research in survey, collection and study of plant material from the economic view point, herbarium and plant introduction work for about 10 years. (iv) Experience of teaching preferably at post-graduate level. Desirable:- Knowledge of German or French.

7. ONE PERMANENT PHYSICAL CHEMIST AT THE INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF AGRRICULTURE. Other things being equal, preference will be given to a scheduled caste candidate. AGE:— Preferably below 40 years, relaxable for exceptionally well-qualified and experienced candidates. PAY:— Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150. Higher initial pay up to a maximum of Rs. 800/- may be granted as a special case to a specially well-qualified & experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL—(i) M.Sc. degree in Chemistry with Physical Chemistry as special subject or a Doctorate Degree in a Physio-chemical subject related to soil science. (ii) Knowledge of modern/method of X-Ray spectral analytical & electro-chemical techniques applied to Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science. (iii) Good record of research for about 10 years in subjects related to soil science with evidence of capacity to guide others in research. DESIRABLE: (i) Experience of teaching post-graduate students. (ii) Knowledge of French or German.

8. ONE VIROLOGIST AT THE INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. Other things being equal, preference will be given to a Scheduled Caste candidate. AGE:— Preferably below 40 years, relaxable for exceptionally well-qualified and experienced candidates. PAY:— Rs. 600 -40 -1000-1000 -1050 -1050 -1100- 1100- 1150. Higher initial pay up to a maximum of Rs. 800/- may be granted as a special case to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate.

QUALIFICATIONS: — ESSENTIAL— (i) M.Sc. degree in Botany or Doctorate in plant Pathology with special reference to Plant Viruses. (ii) Knowledge of techniques used in the study of Plant Viruses. (iii) Good record of research for about 10 years in problems relating to plant viruses with evidence of capacity to guide others in research. DESIRABLE:— (i) Experience of teaching post-graduate students. (ii) Knowledge of French or German. (2704)

NOTICE.

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A deposit of Rs. 400/- should accompany the tender without which no tender will be accepted.

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T. R. DESAI,
Chief Officer,
Borough Municipality,
SURAT.

Surat dated 22nd December, 1948. 2718

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PUBLIC NOTICES

B.B. & C.I. and G.I.P. RAILWAYS.
Accommodation and fares from January 1st, 1949.

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Classes of accommodation.	Bases of charge.
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By ordinary trains.	7½ „ „ „
CLASS THREE: By Mail or Express trains.	5 „ „ „
By ordinary trains.	4 „ „ „

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50 seers for Air Conditioned class and class One:
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RESERVATIONS.

Sleeping accommodation in trains from Bombay, both B.B. & C.I. and G.I.P. Railways, in air conditioned class and class I can be booked at the Booking Office in the B.B. & C.I. Railway Offices at Church Gate or at the Reservation Office, G.I.P. Railway, Victoria Terminus. 2705

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the work of "Construction of a building to accommodate 60 beds (for T. B. cases) in the compound of R. P. T. B. Hospital, Sewri." and will be received by the Chief Accountant in his office at the Municipal Head Office Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, on 19th January 1949 not later than 1 p.m. (B.T.)

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By order of the
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Offers giving full details with cost of each item as far as possible should reach this office on or before 31st December 1948.

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Bombay, 22-12-1948. 2714

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Bombay dated 23rd December, 1948.

P. C. JHALA,
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J. H. PATEL,
Managing Director.

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NOTICE.

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U. N. Council Orders Cease Fire In Indonesia

DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF SOEKARNO AND OTHERS

Good Offices Committee To Report On Events

RUSSIA, FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND UKRAINE ABSTAIN FROM VOTING

PARIS, Dec. 24 (U.P.A.) The Security Council today ordered a cease-fire in Indonesia by adopting an amended American resolution from which the demand for troop withdrawals to the old truce lines was removed.

CALL TO BOTH PARTIES

THE RESOLUTION CALLS UPON THE PARTIES TO: "(A) CEASE HOSTILITIES FORTHWITH AND (B) IMMEDIATELY RELEASE THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS ARRESTED SINCE DECEMBER 18. INSTRUCTS THE COMMITTEE OF GOOD OFFICES TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FULLY AND URGENTLY BY TELEGRAM ON EVENTS WHICH TRANSPIRED IN INDONESIA SINCE DECEMBER 12 AND OBSERVE AND REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) ABOVE."

The Council voted 7-0 with four abstentions for the resolution which supported the vigorous stand taken by the majority of delegates in condemning the Netherlands for opening the campaign against the Indonesian Republic last Sunday.

ABSTENTIONS

The United States, Britain, Colombia, Syria, China Canada and Argentina voted for the amended resolution. Russia, France and Belgium abstained. The Ukrainian delegate was absent and the lack of vote was counted as absention.

On the paragraph calling on both the Dutch and Indonesians to fall back to the lines of the broken truce, the same four nations abstained together with Argentina and Canada. The proposal needed seven affirmative votes to carry. Russia abstained because it insisted on a more specified resolution plainly branding the Dutch as aggressors.

SOVIET RESOLUTION KILLED

A Soviet resolution embodying those principles was killed in a series of paragraph by paragraph votes. Only Colombia, Syria and China supported the Soviets on the paragraph to order the Dutch troops' withdrawal. The other seven members abstained.

The Canadian resolution calling for the United Nations Good Offices Committee in Indonesia to advise the Council what steps it should take "for speedy establishment of peaceful conditions in Indonesia" was defeated. When the Council adjourned the Indonesian question remained on the agenda.

Britain Deplores Dutch Action

PARIS, DEC. 24, (REUTER): THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY CALLED ON BOTH DUTCH AND REPUBLICANS T ORDER AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE IN INDONESIA AND TO WITHDRAW TO THE LINES HELD UNDER THE PAST YEARS TRUCE.

THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN CHINA, SYRIA, CANADA, ARGENTINA, AND COLOMBIA VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION, WHILE RUSSIA, THE UKRAINE, BELGIUM AND FRANCE ABSTAINED

U. S. DRAFT

This resolution was based on the United States draft and incorporated some Australian amendments designed to strengthen it.

Britain had earlier deplored the Dutch "police action" through her representative Maberley Dening. He said "My Government is not convinced that the opportunity for further negotiation had been exhausted when the Netherlands Government reached the decision to turn to force and My Government deplores that action.

"The Netherlands should have availed themselves of the Committee of Good Offices before resorting to action by force of arms—action which has inflamed world opinion and embittered the Indonesian Republic."

"Ever since the developments of 1945-46, Indonesia has been brought often before the United Nations. The question is one that may well lead to International friction. It has often shown signs of doing so." Announcing British support doing we do not commit ourselves to any view of the legal issues which have been agued on both sides as regards the Council's competence.

My Government are moved by what they believe to be the wider considerations that the state of the world is too serious for a conflict of he nature no woing on to be allowed to continue with all its incalculable consequences.

INDONESIAN'S FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Turning to yesterday's reference by the Soviet delegate to the struggle of the Indonesians against Japanse imperialist aggression Mr. Dening commented "far from struggling against it, the Indonesian Republic was set up in 1945 with the connivance and active support of the Jananese who had for some time been training and equipping the Indonesian Republican forces with the specific objective of causing embrrassement.

I do not wish to suggest that the independence movement was not genuine one, but that it started under the patronage of the Japanese imperialist aggressors whom the allies were engaged in fighting."

Although criticising the Dutch Mr. Dening said "I have heard no mention, except from the Netherlands delegate, of the solemnly expressed intention of the Netherlands to set up a Republic of Indonesia and to introduce that Republic as a member of the United Nations.

I do not think we should ignore the long record of the Netherlands and their creditable work in the East Indies."

Mr. Jan Herman Van Royen (the Netherlands) then declared "we have been reproached that our last letter to the Committee of Good Offices was a sort of ultimatum. This idea is false and shows a false coception of the character of the exchange of letters that took place in the last days before hostilities begon. Some members are under the impression that the letters constituted the heights of the negotiations. That is comprehensible. But I must emphasise that the part of the negotiations had passed.

'Emergency' Indonesian Government In Sumatra

SINGAPORE, Dec. 24, (U.P.I.): An "emergency" Indonesian Republican Government has been set up in Sumatra in order to continue the struggle against the Dutch, the Republican Information Service announced in Singapore today. The Government is headed by Prawiranegara, and is empowered to conduct internal and external affairs till the Soekarno-Hatta Government has been restored.

DR. STIKKER'S MISSION

"I must remind the Council that in the beginning of November, the Netherlands commissioned its Foreign Minister (Dr. Dirk Stikker) to go to Indonesia to find a basis for reopening negotiations under the Good Offices Committee. He reported that such a possibility existed. Thereupon a delegation including three Cabinet Ministers and a number of members of the Dutch Parliament flew to Indonesia. The members of the Committee of Good Offices encouraged these direct talks."

"It was in these talks that it became clear" Mr Van Royen said "that the Republic would not back proposals made by Dr. Mohamed Hatta (Indonesian Premier) earlier in November.

The course of events clearly shows that in the conclusion negotiations had broken down had been reached by both parties before December 12 and had been communicated to the Committee of Good Offices.

AN "EPILOGUE"

The exchange of letters which took place afterwards had the character of an epilogue and it is therefore a mistake to see it as if it had

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ELEVEN-NATION SECURITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

MOST SERIOUS problem before the Security Council in 1948 was the Berlin question, which involved four of the five permanent members of the Council. Here the 11-nation Council listens to the views of the United Kingdom as explained by Sir Alexander Cadogan (center).

"NO POWER IN ASIA CAN SIT QUIET"

Dhirubhai Desai's Spirited Speech

Addressing the Security Council on the Indonesian issue Mr. Dhirubhai Desai said:—

"My Government has followed with great concern the recent developments in Indonesia. We had hoped that an agreement between the parties would be arrived at particularly as we felt that a just honourable and peaceful settlement of the Indonesian question was necessary for the maintenance of peace and traquillity not only in Indonesia but in the whole of South East Asia.

The history of the negotiations between the Dutch and the Republican Government is a long and chequered one. One thing however is clear. Throughout the negotiations the Republican Government has tried its utmost to appreciate the point of view of the other side and meet it if it was possible to do so consistently with its honour and dgnity and the legitimate aspirations of its people.

TESTIMONY OF GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE

More than this no Government could be expected to do. If testimony for this was needed one has only to turn to the report of the Good Offices Committee. It is clear from the report that the Republican Government did not enter upon these negotiations in a spirit of rancour and bitterness or with a view to find fault with the other side. Their one concern was to find a solution of the problem.

A mere cursory glance at the report of the Good Offices Committee is sufficient to satisfy one that the approach of the other side was not the same and was certainly not such as to help a settlement.

Even after direct negotiations had been broken off, Dr. Hatta made another effort to find a solution of the problem. In a letter written by him on December 13 to the American representative he made further concessions.

HATTA KEEN TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION

This action does not indicate an intrasigent attitude. On the other hand it shows that Dr. Hatta was inspored by the idea of exporing every possible avenue for finding a peaceful solution.

It has been suggested that the proposals contained in this leter emanated from Dr. Hatta personally and had not the authority of his Government It is a somewhat surprising suggestion. Dr. Hatta on that day occupied the office of the Vice-President of the Republican Government and in fact the Dutch Government negotiated with him in that capacity. A person of such eminence was not going to make these statements lightly and without a full sense of responsibility

The Republican Government was prepared to recognise in full the sovereignty of the Dutch Government. They were prepared to concede to the nigh representative special power in a state of emergency and to give him authority to employ federal as well as Duach forces for the protection of peace and security

PLEA FOR SELF-RESTRAINT

All that Dr. Hatta was pleading for

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HYDERABAD DEMAND FOR INTERIM GOVERNMENT

State Congress Memorandum To Nehru: V.P. Menon's Move To Settle Differences Among Leaders

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Dec. 24 (API)—Swami Ramanand Thirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, and members of his Working Committee met Pandit Nehru for over an hour this afternoon and presented a comprehensive memorandum.

The memorandum, it is stated, gives a complete picture of the general situation of the State following the police action in all its aspects, both political and economic. Deep stress is said to have been laid in the memorandum on the activities of Communists in the State and urged Pandit Nehru that the problem brooked no delay

The memorandum emphasises that in the present circumstances of the State, only an interim Government composed of democratic elements who command the full confidence of the people can expect to put down and eradicate the communist menace.

It is stated that the memorandum points out that while force may have to be used, force alone will not be able to solve the problem. Suitable agrarian reforms should be introduced without delay to remove the root cause of all such evils, namely, poverty and discontent among the masses.

NEHRU'S ASSURANCE

Pandit Nehru promised the deputation that he would carefully consider the issues raised in the memorandum. He is said to have advised the State Congress members to realise their full responsibility in the present critical times when the future prosperity and well being of the state were in their hands. He exhorted them to concentrate on service to the people and avoid fissiparous tendencies, by trying to get in all the progressive elements into their fold and thereby strengthen the organisation for the constructive work ahead of them. The most important problem now facing the State to which organisations like the State Congres should turn their full attention was rehabilitation of those victims who were suffering hardships on account of the conditions obtaining before the police action. They should also not ignore those who had suffered damage and loss in the wake of the police action, and try by their deeds and impartial service to create confidence among all sections of people in the state.

ADVISE TO CONGRESS WORKERS

Later, Pandit Nehru addressed a meeting of about three hundred workers of the State Congress assembled at the Residency. He told the workers that the strength of an organisation did not depend on its numbers, but in the service it rendered to the people and in the confidence it commanded among the people generally. They should always place service above self. That was also the teaching of Mahatma Gandhi and they should endeavour to follow in his footsteps. The Indian National Congress itself, he is said to have told the workers, was strong and had achieved what it did not so much because of its nominal membership rolls, which perhaps amounted to only forty lakhs, but because of the confidence and fol-

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DUTY ON INDIAN-MADE 'FOREIGN' LIQUOR ENHANCED

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay has enhanced the rate of excise and Countervailing duties on Indian-made 'foreign' liquor. The new rates of duty have been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, Extraordinary, of the 16th instant.

EXPANSION OF BROADCASTING

India To Open 3 More New Stations

MADRAS, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): The Government of India have decided upon a programme of expansion of the broadcasting service and new broadcasting stations would be opened in Ahmedabad, Calicut and Hubli or Dharwar by February or March next.

Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and broadcasting, who arrived in Madras this evening said that the delay in starting the new broadcasting centres was due to lack of equipment for which the Government had placed orders with firms abroad. Some materials had already arrived. He hoped to get all the necessary equipment befroe the middle of Fsbruary to enable them to start the new stations.

RELAXATION OF NEWSPRINT CONTROL TO CONTINUE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24:

In the press note issued by the Ministry of Industry and Supply on September 24 1948, certain relaxation of newsprint control was announced whereby the Government of India allowed free use of newsprint for purposes other than printing of newspapers for a period of three months in the first instance It has now been decided by the Government of India to continue the relaxation already allowed until further notice

GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

BOMBAY, Dec. 24 (API): Collections for the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund in Bombay nave now amounted to Rs 22,89,698-8-4.

Freedom Fighters In Government Service

DELHI DECISION TO GRANT RELIEF TO SUFFERERS

Pensions To Be Paid From Date Of Termination Of Service

NEW DELHI Dec. 24 (A.P.I.) Government servants who were dismissed from service because of association with the national movement will get pensions or gratuities from the date of the termination of their services, according to decisions of the Government of India announced in a Home Ministry press note today.

CASE OF CIVIL SERVANTS

CIVIL SERVANTS WHOSE PENSIONS WERE FORFEITED BECAUSE OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT WILL HAVE THEIR PENSIONS RESTORED FROM THE DATE OF FORFEITURE WITH RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT.

TEXT OF PRESS NOTE

The press note states—The Government of India have considered the question of affording relief to ex-Government servants and ex-Government pensioners who were penalised for their patriotic activities in connection with the national movement designed to secure the independence of the country.

Government are glad to anounce the folowing decisions:— (1) persons who were dismissed or removed from service because of their association with the national movement will be eligible, to a grant, with retrospective effect from the date of the termination of such appointments, of such pension or gratuity as would have been admissible to them on those dates had they been retired from service on grounds of ill health. Persons who were granted a compassionate allowance less than that admissible on the above basis, will be eligible for a corresponding increase of such allowance.

CIVIL PENSIONERS

(2) Civil pensioners whose pensions were forfeited because of their association with the national movement shall have their pensions restored with retrospective effect from the respective dates of their forfeiture.

The benefit of the relief specifed under (1) above will also be extended to ex-Government servants who resigned their appointments — whether such resignation was voluntary or forced, provided it is proved that such resignation was preceded or followed by actual participation in the national movement, was attributed to such participation and was not dictated by any other consideration..

Claims for the heirs and successors of those ex-Government servants or ex-Government pensioners who are no longer alive, for the grant to them of the relief which would have been admissible to the deceased had they been alive, will not be entertained. This restriction would not, however, apply to the outstanding claims, if any, in respect of ex-Government servants or ex-Government pensioners who themselves presented their case but who dies before these orders could be issued. These latter claims may be dealt within accordance with these instructions.

KASHMIR COMMISSION IN KARACHI

KARACHI, Dec. 24 (API): Dr. Alfredo Lozano Colombian Member of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan, accompanied by Mr. Hernando Samper, alternate delegate for Colombia, and Ambassador Erik Colban, personal representative on the Commission of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, arrived in Karachi by air from New Delhi this afternoon.

The members of the UNCIP are likely to stay in Karachi for about three days during which they will hold discussions with the Pakistan Government.

Dr. Alfredo Lozano told press representatives that he had no comments to make at this stage but felt optimistic.

He added: "We are very hopeful We expect to stay here for a short time—two or three days. We have to go back to Paris or New York as soon as possible to report about the talks".

When the attention of Dr. Lozano was drawn to press reports that according to the latest proposals Kashmir is to vote for India, Pakistan or independence, he replied "the proposals do not contain any reference to independence".

INDIA TO EXPORT 16,000 MONKEYS TO U.S.

LUCKNOW, Dec 24 (UPA)—India has sanctioned by agreement the export of 16,000 monkeys to the United States for experiments in connection with infantile paralysis. The monkeys are being exported from the United Provinces and other areas and are being flown to America.

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COMMUNISTS WITHDRAW FROM TIENTSIN

TIENTSIN, Dec 24. (Reuter): Government sources here today claimed that Communist besiegers were withdrawing from the northern suburbs of Tientsin and Government forces had recocered several points.

Cavalry also moved towards Yangtsun about 19 miles away

But the position in the southern side was described as still tense and several shells were reported to have fallen into a factory.

On the Peiping front 70 miles to the north-west the situation was generally quie and unchanged, General Fu Tsoyi's northern headquarters announced.

Lieutenant Colonel Chiang Weikuo, Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek's second son arrived in Peiping yesterday as chief of staff of the Government army's mechanised units semi-official reports said.

Though quiet, the ancient city's streets were crowded with soldiers.

REACTIONS TO SUN FO'S SPEECH

Political observers here interpreted the speech of the new Chinese Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, to the Cabinet yesterday as an official admission of the Government failure to secure all-out American aid to continue the war."

These observers predicted a fundamental change in China's foreign policy from reliance on the United States to conciliation of the Soviet Union.

In Shanghai there was a spectacular fall in the value of Chinese currency following the Central Bank's suspension of the public sale of gold and general fear of worsening of the Governments political and military position over Christmas.

REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

India To Expedite Government Plan

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (API): The Government of India have decided to expedite the procedure for implementation of plans for rehabilitation of refugees in various Provinces and States, it is learnt

Mr. Meharchand Khanna, Adviser to the Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry accompanied by two officers of the Ministry, will leave for Bombay on December 28 to discuss with the Bombay Government its plans for rehabilitation of refugees in the Province. The visit of the adviser is intended to expedite action on rehabilitation plans of the Bombay Government.

The rehabilitation plans relate to the problems of housing the refugees, grants of loans, employment and vocational training.